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Taiyo Nippon Sanso Corporation

## **Acquisition of an Industrial Gas Producer in Thailand**

Taiyo Nippon Sanso Corporation (TNSC) hereby announces that together with a newly established joint venture in Thailand it has acquired Thai industrial gas producer Air Products Industry Co., Ltd. (hereinafter, “API”). Details are as follows.

### **1. Reasons for the Acquisition**

TNSC became a capital participant in API in the 1980s and through it had been developing an industrial gas business in Thailand.

Following a stock transfer agreement TNSC concluded recently with shareholders in Thailand, API held an emergency general meeting of shareholders on May 26, 2015 at which a resolution concerning the acquisition of its shares by the TNSC Group was approved. TNSC will take management control of API, as the acquisition will result in its share ownership of API rising from 32% to 97%, including by a newly established joint venture scheduled for consolidation as a TNSC subsidiary.

Demand for industrial gas in Thailand is expected to continue growing, not only because the country with a population of 68 million people is one of the foremost markets in Southeast Asia, but also because of the industrial infrastructure the country is amassing in mainly the automotive and electronics industries.

Up to now, API’s main business had been that of a bulk producer of liquefied gases such as oxygen and nitrogen.

By aggressively infusing the Group’s business resources, TNSC plans to expand the scope of API’s business and products as the Thai economy grows to maturity and also take advantage of synergies with other Group companies throughout Southeast Asia.

### **2. Overview of the Joint Venture**

Name: TNSC (Thailand) Co., Ltd.  
Established: April 2015  
Shareholders: TNSC 49%  
MHCB Consulting (Thailand) Co., Ltd. 48%  
TISCO Tokyo Leasing Co., Ltd. 3%

Representative: Tatsuya Sakamoto  
(concurrently Senior Vice President of API)  
Main business: Holding company

### 3. Overview of API

Name: Air Products Industry Co., Ltd.  
Established: 1977  
Shareholders (after acquisition):  
TNSC 49%  
TNSC (Thailand) Co., Ltd. 48%  
Other Thai individuals 3%  
Representative: Suwan Runggeratigul (President)  
Head Office: Bangkok, Thailand  
Business bases: Chonburi, Ayutthaya, Lamphun, among others  
Main business: Production and sales of industrial gases  
Fiscal year-end: December  
Net sales : Approximately ¥4.2 billion  
(as of the year ended December 2014)  
Employees: Approximately 290

(Map of API business bases)

