



# **Non-Technical Summary**

for the

# **Kryvyi Rih Industrial Gases Complex, Kryvyi Rih, Ukraine**

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## 1.1 INTRODUCTION & SUMMARY

Kryvyi Rih Industrial Gases (KRIG), a Joint Venture with majority ownership by Air Products and Chemicals, Inc, will invest in an Industrial Gases Complex consisting of an air separation unit and local pipeline infrastructure to be located in Kryvyi Rih, on a land plot currently part of the existing ArcelorMittal Kryvyi Rih steelworks site. The unit will supply local and international industrial gases needs including those of ArcelorMittal Kryvyi Rih.

The project will employ state-of-the-art technology and manufacturing techniques and will operate with a substantially higher efficiency than local equipment that it will replace.

Air Products Ukraine, a wholly owned subsidiary of Air Products and Chemicals Inc., will provide operating and maintenance services for the air separation plant under a separate contract with KRIG.

The Project will be subject to local permitting and applicable permits obtained prior to start of construction, such as an environmental and building permit. Prior to start of Construction Air Product will finalize and implement an Environmental and Social Management Plan to cover construction phase and limit any environmental and social impacts in accordance with international industrial best practice and Ukrainian law. At all times health and safety standards will be maintained.

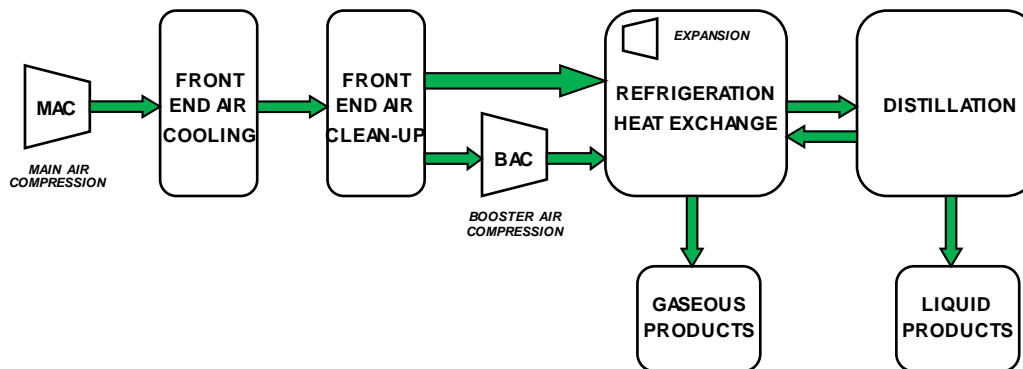
Once complete, the Project will comply with National Regulations and standards, and in addition, Air Products will apply its own Environment, Health and Safety (EH&SQ) and human resources (HR) systems to KRIG's operations at Kryvyi Rih. Environmental, Quality, Energy and occupational health and safety issues will be managed through systems certified to ISO 14001, ISO 9001, ISO 50001 and ISO 45001 standards. The necessary resources and capacities are in place to implement the aforementioned systems.

In terms of environmental performance, the proposed techniques will be amongst the best available in the sector. KRIG will operate in line with both the Ukrainian National requirements and in line with the EU European Industrial Gas Association guidelines and relevant EU Best Available Techniques (BAT) as appropriate; and will attain improved energy efficiency and lower emissions. KRIG will undertake an EIA for the investment and obtain the relevant permits from Competent Authorities prior to start of construction.

Further technical details are provided in the sections below.

## 1.2 PROCESS SUMMARY

A modern Air Separation Unit (ASU) is a carefully engineered, integrated and highly efficient process. A basic block diagram is shown here, with accompanying process description below. A more detailed schematic is shown in Appendix 1.



Air Separation is a physical process that produces oxygen, nitrogen and argon by cryogenic (low temperature) distillation of air. The only substantial inputs are air from the atmosphere and electricity; the only emissions from the process itself are air gases returned to the atmosphere.

### **MAC – Main Air Compression**

Atmospheric air is drawn into the process, filtered to remove particulates and is then compressed in the Main Air Compressor.

### **Front End Air Cooling**

After the air is compressed, it passes to the Direct Contact Aftercooler (DCAC) where it is cooled, and water is removed.

### **Front End Air Clean-Up**

The saturated air then passes to the Temperature Swing Adsorber (TSA) Vessels where water vapour and carbon-dioxide are removed.

### **Refrigeration and Heat Exchange**

From the TSA, the air then splits into two streams. One stream passes directly to the “Cold box”, a highly insulated structure which contains the cryogenic components of the process. The second stream passes to the Booster Air Compressor (BAC) where the pressure of the air is increased, before this stream also passes to the cold box system. Some of the air feed also passes through an expander, where the pressure of the gas is reduced to create refrigeration for the distillation process.

### **Distillation and Product Supply**

In the cold box, the compressed, dry air is split into oxygen, nitrogen and argon streams by distillation at cryogenic temperatures. Liquid oxygen is pumped to the required pressure using cryogenic pumps and is then vaporised against the air streams within the main heat exchanger and leaves the cold box as warm, gaseous oxygen at the required product pressure, to the product pipeline.

Liquid nitrogen and argon are also pumped to the required pressures and are vaporised against air streams within the main exchanger before being sent as warm gas to the product pipelines.

Liquid oxygen, nitrogen and argon products are also sent directly from the coldbox system to cryogenic storage tanks.



## **1.3 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

The main environmental impacts of an air separation unit arise from use of electricity, noise from machinery, use of water, and some small quantities of solid and liquid waste generated by maintenance activities. The only emissions to air are returned air gases, nitrogen, oxygen and some water vapor. These are not environmentally significant. The

project will be prepared and executed in line with the Ukrainian regulations with respect to assessment of environmental impacts.

**Process Inputs are**

- Air from the atmosphere

**Utilities that are used are**

- Electricity for the process
- Occasional use of diesel fuel to provide a heat source for the vaporiser
- Cooling water,
- Water for the fire protection system
- Potable (drinking) water
- Small quantities of calibration gases

**Emission to air**

- Air gases returned to the air
- Water vapour from the cooling tower
- Occasional combustion emissions from the diesel vaporizer and the backup generator

**Water drainage system**

The main sources of wastewater are the cooling water and the vaporizer blow down water, the latter which contains traces of water/boiler treatment chemicals and biocides which are used for bacteriological control (for the prevention of legionella and other bacteria)

Other waste waters are

- Storm water, (with any small amounts of oily water separated for separate disposal)
- Sanitary wastewater

**Noise**

The new ASU will be designed to comply with all local Ukrainian and Air Products noise standards, including use of acoustically insulated buildings for the compressors, and piping and vent noise attenuation measures.

## 2 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS AND SYSTEMS

### 2.1 OVERVIEW

Air Products operates under a formalised Environment, Health and Safety (EH&SQ) management system covering all our businesses wherever we operate, including labour and operational standards.

This system incorporates compliance with legislative requirements including management systems requirements for the Industrial Emissions and Seveso Directives and National legislative Guidance. Our Management system is consistent with various National and International management systems standards and incorporates requirements of ISO 14001, ISO 9001, ISO 50001 and ISO 45001.

Air Products is also a member of relevant industry trade associations - including the European Industrial Gases Association (EIGA) - within which we share EH&S best practices and develop environmental guidelines.

Further details can be found on our web site

[Sustainability report](#)

[Governance standards and Code of conduct](#)

[EHS management systems](#)

### 2.2 LEGAL COMPLIANCE AND ALIGNMENT WITH RELEVANT EUROPEAN LEGISLATION

Air Products operates over 200 sites in Europe including over 40 Seveso-regulated sites. Air Products' management systems, engineering and design standards are applied where relevant to all our facilities worldwide, subject to any additional local legal requirements.

The EU Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) does not apply to Air Separation as it is a physical not a chemical process with very few potentially harmful emissions; hence there are no applicable Best Available Techniques (BAT). However, our design and operating procedures do incorporate the European Industrial Gases Association (EIGA) guidelines, for example on managing environmental impacts and benchmarking our energy efficiency with the average performance of best 10% of plants (see contained within <https://www.eiga.eu/index.php?eID=dumpFile&t=f&f=3581&token=95e8195add59162bd25aff4554cf2aa64784a1f0> )

Air Products will use a safety management system and develop an emergency plan for this site, incorporating local and national legal requirements and including site specific considerations. We incorporate local legal requirements such as pressure vessel codes and national legislation by working with specialist consultants, design institutes and our own in-country specialists.

### 3 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND GRIEVANCE MECHANISM

Wherever Air Products and its affiliates operate, they pay careful attention to their obligations as good corporate citizens. Consistent with that practice, KRIG will identify stakeholders relevant to its intended operations and will put in place management mechanisms to ensure that stakeholder concerns are managed fairly and effectively. The Company will implement a grievance mechanism to ensure any concerns are dealt with in line with corporate requirements and best industry practices.

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# APPENDIX 1 SIMPLIFIED SCHEMATIC

## Air Products Air Separation Plants — Unique Technology & Unparalleled Experience

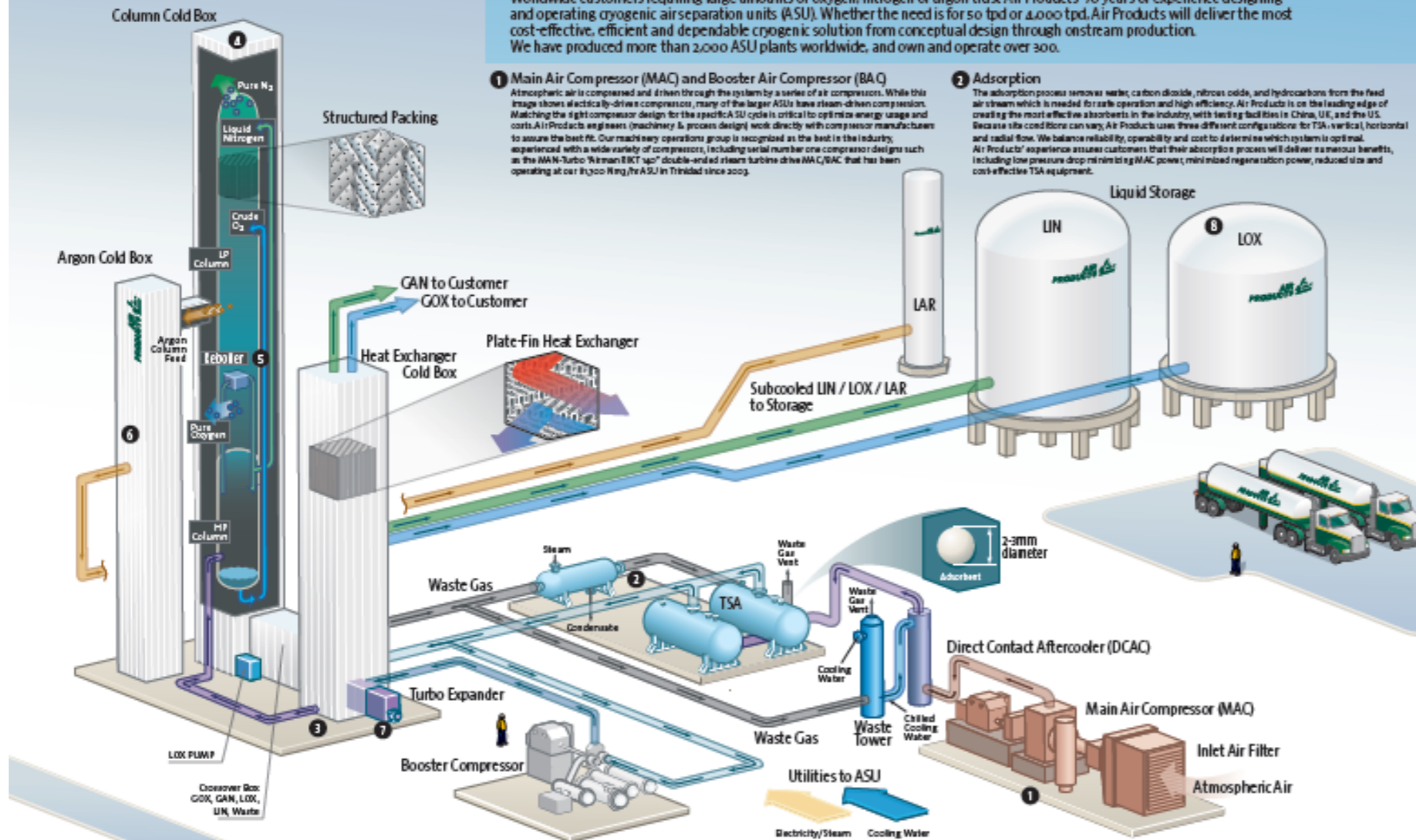
Worldwide customers requiring large amounts of oxygen, nitrogen or argon trust Air Products' 70 years of experience designing and operating cryogenic air separation units (ASU). Whether the need is for 50 tpd or 2,000 tpd, Air Products will deliver the most cost-effective, efficient and dependable cryogenic solution from conceptual design through onstream production. We have produced more than 2,000 ASU plants worldwide, and own and operate over 300.

### 1 Main Air Compressor (MAC) and Booster Air Compressor (BAC)

Atmospheric air is compressed and driven through the system by a series of air compressors. While this image shows electrically-driven compressors, many of the larger ASUs have steam-driven compression. Matching the right compressor design for the specific ASU cycle is critical to optimize energy usage and costs. Air Products engineers (machinery & process design) work directly with compressor manufacturers to assure the best fit. Our machinery operations group is recognized as the best in the industry, experienced with a wide variety of compressors, including serial number one compressor designs such as the MAN-Turbo "Witman ERT 140" double-ended steam turbine drive MAC/BAC that has been operating at over 8,100 MW for ASU in Trinidad since 2009.

### 2 Adsorption

The adsorption process removes water, carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide, and hydrocarbons from the feed air stream which is needed for safe operation and high efficiency. Air Products is on the leading edge of creating the most effective adsorbents in the industry, with testing facilities in China, UK, and the U.S. Because site conditions can vary, Air Products uses three different configurations for TSA: vertical, horizontal and radial flow. We balance reliability, operability and cost to determine which system is optimal. Air Products' experience assures customers that their adsorption process will deliver maximum benefits, including low pressure drop minimizing MAC power, minimized regeneration power, reduced size and cost-effective TSA equipment.



### 3 Main Heat Exchanger

The heat exchanger promotes heat transfer between fluids. Air Products offers a unique design capabilities to optimize the heat exchanger's energy efficiency and integration with the process cycle. The ability to customize the equipment for each customer's ASU comes from a highly experienced engineering staff and long-term working relationships with leading heat exchanger manufacturers.

### 4 Argon Distillation

Argon removal systems depend on distillation for purification. Air Products' integrated Argon Removal System eliminates the need for a separate column for argon removal. It produces a crude argon stream (90% Ar and 10% O<sub>2</sub>) out of the main column that results in 3-4% power savings. If pure argon is required, further purification of the crude argon stream occurs in a separate distillation column, or in a proprietary Air Products Argon PSA, which can be added later. Proprietary packing technology allows for a shorter argon column size versus competing technologies. The smaller column results in production efficiencies and dramatically lower shipping and installation costs.

### 4 Air Distillation System

Choosing the optimal configuration of distillation column components is not only important in air separation, but vital to minimize capital and operating costs. Air Products was the pioneer in structured packing in 1944—now the accepted industry standard. Structured packing provides a large surface area per volume, which maximizes mass transfer performance and creates lower pressure drop versus conventional distillation trays. Air Products' proprietary structured packing delivers a higher capacity and lower pressure drop, resulting in lower energy consumption. Combined with our patented liquid and vapor distributors, the Air Products air distillation system offers a sequenced distillation performance. Site conditions can vary, so all designs are tailored to assure optimal efficiency and reliability before installation.

### 7 Turbo Expander

Turboexpanders are used to expand air or nitrogen from a higher pressure to a lower pressure, providing refrigeration to produce liquids in the distillation column system. Proper design is critical. Air Products has nearly 50 years of in-house design and manufacturing experience producing more than 1,000 turbo expanders. This hands-on knowledge assures customers they will receive the highest thermodynamic performance, improved operability, reduced maintenance, and a better integration with the process design.

### 5 Main Reboiler

The reboiler is the heat integrator of the low pressure and high pressure distillation columns. Air Products offers proprietary technology to enhance the operation and safety of the two industry accepted reboilers used in ASUs today, downflow and thermosiphon reboilers. The downflow reboiler is preferred as it allows for higher heat transfer coefficients, resulting in less power usage.

### 8 Backup Systems

On the rare occasion when a gasifier needs to safely shut-down on backup oxygen, a backup system has to start fast and maintain the line pressure within tight limits. Designing these systems and making them work reliably is a real challenge. Air Products' instantaneous backup system for high pressure oxygen applications is recognized as the best in the world, providing needed confidence to customers.