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## **A-Gas Signs ENABLE<sup>SM</sup> Premier Agreement with Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.**

**Basking Ridge, NJ – June 29, 2009** - Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc. is pleased to announce that A-Gas, headquartered in the United Kingdom has signed a Global ENABLE<sup>SM</sup> Premier Agreement.

A-Gas is the leading independent global specialist blender, re-packer and distributor of specialty gases and chemicals to the refrigeration and insulation foam industries, primarily focusing on environmentally acceptable replacement products for chlorofluorocarbon gases and liquids. A-Gas is market leader in its core markets in the UK, Australia and South Africa, with modern state of the art storage, blending and packaging facilities in Bristol, Melbourne and Cape Town.

This alliance between A-Gas and the Matheson Tri-Gas' Global ENABLE<sup>SM</sup> Program will allow A-Gas to distribute Matheson brand products. Mary K. Smickenbecker, Corporate Vice President Marketing, Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc. commented, "We are pleased to have finalized this agreement with A-Gas furthering our global expansion efforts through the ENABLE<sup>SM</sup> Program."

John Nicolson, Director of Business Development, stated, "We believe this is an exciting opportunity as it leverages the local expertise of A-Gas and the global expertise of Matheson Tri-Gas for the benefit of the customer. A-Gas success is based on developing and maintaining long-term strategic partnerships with key customers and suppliers, and ensuring that we are flexible to their respective needs and objectives.

The **ENABLE<sup>SM</sup>** Distributor Development Program offers a variety of options based on each distributor's business needs. The **ENABLE<sup>SM</sup>** Premier Program is designed for distributors seeking a committed business relationship with Matheson Tri-Gas and provides benefits such as access to Matheson Tri-Gas training, technical services and marketing assistance.

Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc. is a single source for industrial, medical, specialty and electronic gases, gas handling equipment, high performance purification systems, engineering and gas management services, and on-site gas generation with a mission to deliver innovative solutions for global customer requirements. Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc. is the largest subsidiary of Taiyo Nippon Sanso Corporation, one of the top five suppliers of industrial, specialty, and electronics gases in the world.