

Seppic inaugurates its first specialty ingredients manufacturing plant in North America

Seppic, an Air Liquide Healthcare company, announces the inauguration of its first production site in the United States. This manufacturing plant is Seppic's second largest for the production of high performance specialty ingredients for the beauty personal care and pharmaceutical markets.

This new plant, which is already in operation, gives Seppic more than 50% additional production capacity for thickening and texturizing agents, in order to meet the growing requirements of its customers in the US and worldwide.

Located near Richmond in Virginia, the site was strategically selected for its skilled workforce, and will stimulate the local community with the creation of more than 50 jobs. The site is also ideally located to service the northeastern United States, where 80% of Seppic's US customers are located, and to export globally.

The facility has been designed to abide by the highest levels of quality in compliance with Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP), and has already obtained ISO 9001, EFfCI and RSPO certifications. The facility currently operates fully automated units to allow for a consistent and easily traceable quality for our ingredients. Thanks to those cutting-edge technologies and by recycling 95% of its waste, Seppic minimizes its impact on the environment.

Specialty ingredients for personal beauty care represent a market of more than \$10 billion worldwide, 25% of which is in the United States.

Jean-Baptiste Dellon, CEO of Seppic, said: "With this new plant, we increase our industrial capacity and our ability to serve our customers in the US and all over the world. This cutting-edge plant is in compliance with Seppic's strategy to produce high performance ingredients while respecting the environment. Our ambition in terms of CSR is to continue to meet our customers needs while achieving an objective of reducing our waste and energy consumption."

Seppic in brief

A company of Air Liquide Healthcare, Seppic has been designing, producing and distributing for more than 75 years a wide range of **specialty ingredients for health and beauty**. Present in **100 countries** through its subsidiaries and its network of distributors, Seppic employs more than **800 people** worldwide, including **110 employees dedicated to innovation**. www.seppic.com

Air Liquide Healthcare

Supplies **medical gases, home healthcare services, medical equipment and specialty ingredients**.

In 2020, it served over **15,000 hospitals and clinics** and more than **1.8 million patients** at home throughout the world. The Group's Healthcare business reached **€3,724 million in revenues in 2020**, with the support of its **15,600 employees**.



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A world leader in gases, technologies and services for Industry and Health, Air Liquide is present in 80 countries with approximately 67,000 employees and serves more than 3.7 million customers and patients. Oxygen, nitrogen and hydrogen are essential small molecules for life, matter and energy. They embody Air Liquide's scientific territory and have been at the core of the company's activities since its creation in 1902.

Air Liquide's ambition is to be a leader in its industry, deliver long term performance and contribute to sustainability. The company's customer-centric transformation strategy aims at profitable, regular and responsible growth over the long term. It relies on operational excellence, selective investments, open innovation and a network organization implemented by the Group worldwide. Through the commitment and inventiveness of its people, Air Liquide leverages energy and environment transition, changes in healthcare and digitization, and delivers greater value to all its stakeholders.

Air Liquide's revenue amounted to 22 billion euros in 2019 and its solutions that protect life and the environment represented more than 40% of sales. Air Liquide is listed on the Euronext Paris stock exchange (compartment A) and belongs to the CAC 40, EURO STOXX 50 and FTSE4Good indexes.