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RE: Airgas USA, LLC ("Airgas") Declaration of Excuse of Performance/Force Majeure For Customers Supplied with Liquid Nitrogen for Industrial and Non-Medical Uses (the "Product") from the plant located in Pittsburgh, California (the "Plant")

Dear Valued Customer:

Portions of Northern California continue to experience a sustained escalation in the use of medical oxygen due to COVID-19. Hospitals and other healthcare facilities in the area are urgently caring for patients with essential medical treatments such as high-flow oxygen therapy and ventilator support. As a result, medical usage of oxygen has increased dramatically.

Over the past several weeks, during this sustained, high demand for medical oxygen, Airgas has been able to balance the needs associated with the supply of medical oxygen with the supply of Product. Unfortunately, the Plant has suffered an unplanned outage. In addition, available driver resources are also needed to assist in the supply and delivery of medical oxygen to accommodate this demand.

As a result, effective November 25, 2021 at 12:01 a.m., Airgas declares an Excuse of Performance/Force Majeure Condition ("Force Majeure") due to these circumstances, which are beyond Airgas' reasonable control. Presently, Airgas is unable to estimate the duration of the Force Majeure (the "Force Majeure Period").

Currently, Airgas estimates that it may be able to provide you with up to 70% of your normal monthly Product consumption ("Allocated Product") (based on the average monthly volume of Product delivered to you for the prior 3 months). During the Force Majeure Period, Airgas is unable to obtain Product for industrial or non-medical use from other available sources.

During the Force Majeure Period, you are released from your obligations to purchase your Product from Airgas and permitted to obtain your Product from other suppliers ("Third Party Substitute Product") without further consent. This letter, however, is not a release from any contractual obligations you may have to purchase Product from Airgas once you are notified that the Force Majeure is over.

Airgas values your business and knows that you stand in solidarity with us in the united fight to assist those in our community affected by COVID-19. If you have any questions, please reach out to your Account Manager. We wish you continued health and safety.

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