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BTC sold to global refrigerants' supplier A-Gas

Global refrigerants and specialist gases' supplier A-Gas has bought Netherlands' reclamation business BTC. Based in Eygelshoven in the south east of the country, BTC are specialists in the reclamation and disposal of gases, refrigerants and fire suppressants. A-Gas, with its headquarters in the UK, aims to invest several million euros in BTC to strengthen its offering to customers across Europe. The deal will result in A-Gas increasing its capacity to handle, clean and return waste gases to the market for resale.

BTC co-founder and Managing Director Ruud Beenackers said: "We are delighted that A-Gas has acquired BTC. This is good news for BTC and its customers as this agreement will bring new investment into the business. Rick Tempels and I will continue to be at the heart of the operation and it is very much business as usual. Customers can expect to receive the same high levels of service that they are accustomed to at BTC."

A-Gas Managing Director John Ormerod said: "It's a very good fit for us as reclamation and disposal of gases is a key part of what we do. Ruud and Rick will play an important role in the business and their expertise in this sector is most valuable. We see them as key additions to the A-Gas team in Europe."

“One of the aspects of BTC which attracted us to the deal was the entrepreneurial culture within the company and this also fits in well with what we do at A-Gas. This is our first acquisition in Continental Europe and we will put in place a significant investment programme to enhance the recycling and reclamation capabilities at BTC.”

A-Gas is planning to add to the workforce and invest in new equipment. In recent years the company has invested heavily in the reclamation and recovery side of its operation and this has been reflected by the development and installation of a new gas separator onsite in Portbury near Bristol – bringing the total to three – and the launch of the A-Gas Rapid Recovery business in the UK.

This purchase of BTC highlights the commitment of A-Gas to providing the industry with the capacity and infrastructure to dispose of difficult to handle gases

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A-Gas is an international group of companies with headquarters in the United Kingdom and trading subsidiaries in the UK, South Africa, Australia, South East Asia, China, Thailand and the Americas.

Our core business is focused on:

Refrigerants used for heat exchange in air conditioning and chilling applications.

Industrial special products including industrial and specialty gases used in a variety of applications.

Environmental services providing full environmental services for the recovery and reclamation of environmentally sensitive products such as HCFCs, HFCs, Halons and associated products.

Performance chemicals such as blowing agents used in the manufacture of insulating foams and chemicals used in the electronics industry.

Fire protection recovery, reclamation storage and management of Halons, supply and reclamation of Clean Agent Fire suppressants such as HFC227ea, HFC125, HFC236fa.

A-Gas, founded in 1993, is a market leader in the supply of refrigerants within its core territories in the UK, Australia and South Africa, with modern state-of-the-art storage, blending and packaging facilities in Bristol, Melbourne and Cape Town. A-Gas is rapidly growing its market share in Asia and the Americas with sales and technical staff based in Singapore, China, Thailand and substantial facilities in the USA in Ohio, Houston and Arizona.

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