

CICHOCKI ANDREW R  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â CICHOCKI ANDREW R</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O AIRGAS, INC.,Â 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, SUITE 100</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>RADNOR,Â PAÂ 19087</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>07/16/2008</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>AIRGAS INC [ARG]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>(give title below) (specify below)</p> <p>Division President</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	51,959 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(2)</u>	03/04/2009	Common Stock	7,500	\$ 8.5	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(3)</u>	05/18/2009	Common Stock	21,000	\$ 11.5	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(4)</u>	05/16/2010	Common Stock	23,500	\$ 5.5	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(5)</u>	05/08/2011	Common Stock	33,000	\$ 8.99	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(6)</u>	05/06/2012	Common Stock	17,200	\$ 16.52	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(7)</u>	05/12/2013	Common Stock	15,900	\$ 19.22	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(8)</u>	05/25/2014	Common Stock	9,900	\$ 21.15	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(9)</u>	05/24/2015	Common Stock	9,400	\$ 24.09	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(10)</u>	05/23/2014	Common Stock	9,400	\$ 36.17	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(11)</u>	05/08/2015	Common Stock	11,000	\$ 43.62	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(12)</u>	05/20/2016	Common Stock	14,500	\$ 60.84	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CICHOCKI ANDREW R C/O AIRGAS, INC. 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, SUITE 100 RADNOR, PA 19087	Â	Â	Â Division President	Â

## Signatures

Andrew R.  
Cichocki

07/22/2008

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Includes 11,559 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock acquired pursuant to Airgas, Inc.'s Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") as of 07/21/2008, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's ESPP holdings.
- (2) These options became exercisable in 25% equal increments on each of 3/4/2000, 3/4/2001, 3/4/2002 and 3/4/2003.
- (3) These options became exercisable in 25% equal increments on each of 5/18/2000, 5/18/2001, 5/18/2002 and 5/18/2003.
- (4) These options became exercisable in 25% equal increments on each of 5/16/2001, 5/16/2002, 5/16/2003 and 5/16/2004.
- (5) These options became exercisable in 25% equal increments on each of 5/8/2002, 5/8/2003, 5/8/2004 and 5/8/2005.
- (6) These options became exercisable in 25% equal increments on each of 5/6/2003, 5/6/2004, 5/6/2005 and 5/6/2006.
- (7) These options became exercisable in 25% equal increments on each of 5/12/2004, 5/12/2005, 5/12/2006 and 5/12/2007.
- (8) These options became exercisable in 25% equal increments on each of 5/25/2005, 5/25/2006, 5/25/2007 and 5/25/2008.
- (9) These options have or will become exercisable, as applicable, in 25% annual increments on each of 5/24/2006, 5/24/2007, 5/24/2008 and 5/24/2009.
- (10) These options have or will become exercisable, as applicable, in 25% annual increments on each of 5/23/2007, 5/23/2008, 5/23/2009 and 5/23/2010.
- (11) These options have or will become exercisable, as applicable, in 25% annual increments on each of 5/8/2008, 5/8/2009, 5/8/2010 and 5/8/2011.
- (12) These options will become exercisable in 25% annual increments on each of 5/20/2009, 5/20/2010, 5/20/2011 and 5/20/2012.

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