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**Linde Aktiengesellschaft**

**Munich, Germany**

**Announcement**

**pursuant to section 27 para. 3 sentence 1**

**in conjunction with section 14 para. 3 sentence 1 no. 2**

**of the German Securities Acquisition and Takeover Act**

**(Wertpapiererwerbs- und Übernahmegesetz - WpÜG)**

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The supplemental joint reasoned statement of the executive board and the supervisory board of Linde Aktiengesellschaft, Munich, Germany, regarding the amendment of the voluntary takeover offer (exchange offer) by Linde Public Limited Company, Guildford, United Kingdom, to the shareholders of Linde Aktiengesellschaft to acquire all ordinary bearer shares of Linde Aktiengesellschaft without par value published on October 23, 2017, as well as a non-binding convenience translation of such reasoned statement are now available for distribution free of charge at Linde Aktiengesellschaft, Klosterhofstraße 1, 80331 Munich, Germany (Tel: +49-(0)89-35757-1321, E-Mail: investorrelations@linde.com).

The supplemental joint reasoned statement as well as the English version of the supplemental joint reasoned statement as filed pursuant to U.S. law are also available on the internet at <http://www.the-linde-group.com> under the section *Proposed Merger*.

Munich, October 24, 2017

*The Executive Board*

*The Supervisory Board*

*of Linde Aktiengesellschaft*

**Additional Information and Where to Find It**

In connection with the proposed business combination between Praxair, Inc. ( Praxair ) and Linde AG ( Linde ), Linde plc has filed a Registration Statement on Form S-4 (which Registration Statement was declared effective on August 14, 2017) with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) that includes (1) a proxy statement of Praxair that also constitutes a prospectus for Linde plc and (2) an offering prospectus of Linde plc to be used in connection with Linde plc 's offer to acquire Linde shares held by U.S. holders. Praxair has mailed the proxy statement/prospectus to its stockholders in connection with the vote to approve the merger of Praxair and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Linde plc, and Linde plc has distributed the offering prospectus to Linde shareholders in the United States in connection with Linde plc 's offer to acquire all of the outstanding shares of Linde. Linde plc has also filed an offer document with the German Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (Bundesanstalt fuer Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht) ( BaFin ) which was approved for publication by BaFin on August 14, 2017, published by Linde plc on August 15, 2017, and amended by Linde plc on October 23, 2017 (the offer document ). Praxair 's stockholders approved the merger at Praxair 's special meeting held on September 27, 2017. The consummation of the proposed business combination remains subject to regulatory approvals and other customary closing conditions.

**INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND THE OFFER DOCUMENT REGARDING THE PROPOSED BUSINESS COMBINATION TRANSACTION AND PROPOSED OFFER BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.** You may obtain a free copy of the proxy statement/prospectus and other related documents filed by Praxair, Linde and Linde plc with the SEC on the SEC's Web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). The proxy statement/prospectus and other documents relating thereto may also be obtained for free by accessing Praxair's Web site at [www.praxair.com](http://www.praxair.com). The offer document is available for free at Linde plc's Web site at [www.lindepraxairmerger.com](http://www.lindepraxairmerger.com). Furthermore, the offer document is expected to be available at BaFin's Web site for free at [www.bafin.de](http://www.bafin.de). You may also obtain a copy of the offer document from Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft, Taunusanlage 12, 60325 Frankfurt am Main, Germany for distribution free of charge (also available from Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft via e-mail to [dct.tender-offers@db.com](mailto:dct.tender-offers@db.com) or by telefax to +49 69 910 38794).

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