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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Press Release for Inauguration of Linde's first Food Laboratory
for South Asia and ASEAN in Andhra Pradesh, India**

We are pleased to enclose herewith a pdf copy of our Company's Press Release dated 7 March 2018 in connection with the inauguration of Linde's first Food Laboratory and Training Centre for South Asia and ASEAN at Mangalagiri near Vijayawada in Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh in India.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



Pawan Marda

Asst. Vice President and Company Secretary

Encl: as above

Press Release

Linde Inaugurates its First Food Laboratory for South Asia and ASEAN in Andhra Pradesh, India

KOLKATA, INDIA, 07 MARCH 2018 – Linde India, a member of The Linde Group, announced the inauguration of the first Food Laboratory and Training Centre in India, at Mangalagiri near Vijayawada in Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh. This is also the first Linde Food Laboratory in South Asia and ASEAN.

Mr. Moloy Banerjee, Head, Linde Gases, South Asia, said, "We have a proud and long heritage of partnering India and its people for more than 80 years. As the growth story of India strengthens, the Linde India Food Laboratory and Training Centre will help the Indian food processing industry capitalise on food preservation technology that can help it earn higher returns from local produce. Andhra Pradesh was our natural first choice when it came to a decision on the location for the Food Laboratory. The State Government provided us with prompt support and ease of doing business. Besides, the Guntur region has high concentration of firms involved in the food processing industry. This encouraged us to set up the Food Laboratory in Andhra Pradesh."

Chief Guest, Sri. N. Amarnatha Reddy, Honourable Minister for Industries, Food Processing, Agri-Business, Commerce and Public Enterprises, Government of Andhra Pradesh said, "On behalf of the Government of Andhra Pradesh, I congratulate Linde India on the inauguration of the Food Laboratory and Training Centre in Mangalagiri. I am happy to learn that such an important facility has been set up in our state. I wish Linde India all the best. Our state is fortunate to have been blessed with abundant natural resources in

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agriculture and aquaculture. The latest food processing technology is important for us to utilizing these resources, so that the people of our state can earn a good living and sustain their families, while contributing to the growth of our state.”

As the global leader in cryogenic freezing and chilling technologies for the food industry, Linde has been providing innovative solutions for decades across different sectors. This Food Laboratory will demonstrate Linde’s CRYOLINE® range of freezers and related solutions to local food growers, producers and exporters. India is one of the largest producers and exporters of fruits, vegetables, marine products and meat products. Linde’s cryogenic freezing solutions will provide the Indian market with class-leading cryogenic solutions that can retain the freshness, flavour and texture of food products at levels that are significantly higher than that achieved using mechanical freezing.

Linde’s CRYOLINE® range of tunnel freezers use liquid nitrogen to rapidly freeze various food products to extremely low core temperatures. They reduce dehydration losses and have a lower freezing time, resulting in higher productivity levels. The price of the freezers is less compared to mechanical freezers. Linde India will also offer rental options, depending on the needs of its customers.

Linde will offer its extensive portfolio of cryogenic food chilling solutions-including the advanced ACCU-CHILL® bottom-injection chilling systems, hygienically designed LIXHSOOTER® injectors, rapid inline sauce cooling systems and ACCU-CHILL® Combo Chillers to the local industry.

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Linde MAPAX® modified atmosphere packaging systems seal in freshness to extend shelf life. The MAPAX® system from Linde successfully inhibits the deterioration of food in a natural way by combining the correct gas mixture, film and packaging equipment, to keep products fresh and appetizing and help reduce returns due to spoilage.

The Training Centre will help train local food producers, processors and growers in the concepts of cryogenic food freezing, chilling and modified atmosphere packaging. This training will help the local industry to implement these technologies to improve their product quality and yield.

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About The Linde Group:

In the 2017 financial year, The Linde Group generated revenue of EUR 17.113 bn, making it one of the leading gases and engineering companies in the world, with approximately 58,000 employees working in more than 100 countries worldwide. The strategy of The Linde Group is geared towards long-term profitable growth and focuses on the expansion of its international business, with forward-looking products and services. Linde acts responsibly towards its shareholders, business partners, employees, society and the environment in every one of its business areas, regions and locations across the globe. The company is committed to technologies and products that unite the goals of customer value and sustainable development.

For more information, see The Linde Group online at www.linde.com.

About Linde India

Linde India Limited, a member of The Linde Group, is a leading industrial gases and engineering company in India. With a rich corporate heritage stretching back more than 82 years, Linde India excels by successfully combining The Linde Group's advanced technology, a deep understanding of Indian customers and strong local knowledge.

Linde India manufactures and distributes industrial, medical and specialty gases. Its engineering divisions offer a wide range of engineering and construction services. This includes design, construction and installation of air separation units, nitrogen plants, pressure swing adsorption plants, cryogenic vessels, both for use at Linde plants and third-party customers in India and abroad.

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