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BOC India Board approves the Promoter Group's proposal for delisting of equity shares from stock exchanges

Mumbai, India – 16 June 2010: The Board of Directors of BOC India Limited, a member of The Linde Group, at its meeting held yesterday considered a letter received from Linde Holdings Netherlands B.V. (the "Acquirer"), a part of the promoter Group with respect to a delisting proposal to voluntarily delist the equity shares of the Company from each of The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), the National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) and the Calcutta Stock Exchange (CSE), where the equity shares of the Company are presently traded. The delisting proposal is in line with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Delisting of Equity Shares) Regulations, 2009 (the "Regulations"). As per the proposal, the Acquirer has expressed its intent to offer to purchase, either by itself or together with other persons acting in concert, the equity shares of the Company held by public shareholders, currently amounting to 8,975,930 equity shares representing 10.52% of the issued and paid up equity share capital of the Company in terms of the aforesaid Regulations ("Delisting Offer").

As per the delisting proposal, subject to the successful completion of the Delisting Offer in terms of the Regulations, the Acquirer proposes to seek delisting of the equity shares of the Company from BSE, NSE and CSE, where they are presently listed. Subject to the acceptance, at the sole discretion of the Acquirer, of the price determined in accordance with the book building method prescribed under the Regulations which price shall not be lower than the floor price of Rs.225.29 determined in accordance with the Regulations (the "final price"), the Acquirer shall acquire all the equity shares tendered in the Delisting Offer at the final price.

The proposed acquisition of equity shares in the Delisting Offer by the Acquirer and the delisting of the equity shares from the stock exchanges is in furtherance of the strategic intent of the promoter group to increase integration amongst the various entities constituting The Linde Group for greater operational and administrative efficiencies. Besides, the delisting proposal, if successful, would also result in the Company not being required to maintain a minimum public shareholding of 25% for continuous listing pursuant to the Securities Contracts Regulations Act as amended on 4 June 2010. The

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delisting proposal also provides the shareholders of the Company an attractive exit opportunity and the Company will seek the consent of the shareholders of the Company by way of a special resolution for the proposal by way of postal ballot.

About BOC India Limited:

BOC India Limited (BOCI), a member of The Linde Group, is the leader in gases business in India since 1935. BOCI provides a one-stop solution to all businesses for gas supply and related equipment and services. We manufacture cryogenic and non-cryogenic vessels and also design and commission projects. BOCI has excelled through successfully blending local innovation and adaptation with international expertise from The Linde Group. Be it for food processing, medical, domestic or industrial use, BOCI provides tailor-made solutions for customers, conforming to the strictest international standards of production and safety in the process.

For more information, please see BOC India Limited online at <http://www.boc-india.com>

About The Linde Group:

The Linde Group is a world leading gases and engineering company with almost 48,000 employees working in more than 100 countries worldwide. In the 2009 financial year it achieved sales of EUR 11.2 bn. The strategy of The Linde Group is geared towards sustainable earnings-based 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. Linde is committed to technologies and products that unite the goals of customer value and sustainable development.

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