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Department of Corporate Services
BSE Limited

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Listing Department
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Mumbai – 400 051

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proceedings/Outcome of the Eighty Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Company held through Video Conference (VC)/Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) on Thursday, 24 June 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

The Eighty Fifth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company was held through Video Conference (VC)/Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) on Thursday, 24 June 2021 at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to the General Circular Nos. 20/2020 and 02/2021 dated 5th May 2020 and 13th January 2021 respectively, issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and Circular Nos. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/79 dated 12th May 2020 and SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD2/CIR/P/2021/11 dated 15th January 2021 issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India and in compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

At 10.00 a.m., Mr Robert J Hughes, Chairman, declared the presence of requisite quorum and called the meeting to order. The Company had received one representation under Section 113 of the Companies Act, 2013 from The BOC Group Ltd., U.K. a wholly owned subsidiary of Linde plc (the ultimate Holding Company) in respect of its shareholding of 63,963,167 equity shares in the Company. The Register of Directors and Key Managerial Personnel and their shareholdings under Section 170 of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Register of Contracts or Arrangements in which Directors are interested under Section 189 of the Companies Act, 2013 remained open and accessible to the Members electronically throughout the meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.

The Chairman introduced the members of the Board and Key Managerial Personnel, who joined the meeting by VC/ OAVM from their respective locations. The Chairman also acknowledged the presence of the Statutory Auditors and Secretarial Auditors of the Company and the Scrutinizer appointed by the Board to scrutinize the e-voting process for the 85<sup>th</sup> AGM in a fair and transparent manner. At the request of the Chairman, Mr Pawan Marda, Asst. Vice President and Company Secretary of the Company provided general instructions to the Members regarding participation in the meeting. The Chairman informed that all the necessary steps/measures had been taken by the Company under the current circumstances to enable the Members to participate and vote at the Meeting through electronic mode in a seamless manner.

The Chairman then delivered his speech to the Members covering the economic scenario and the challenges posed by Covid-19, highlights of the Company's performance during the year 2020 and during Q1 of the year 2021, medium to long term outlook, followed by his concluding remarks. Thereafter, at the request of the Chairman, Mr Abhijit Banerjee, the Managing Director of the Company made a presentation

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covering a brief introduction of Linde plc and Linde India, quarterly trends of Gases volumes (liquid and compressed) from Q4 2019 to Q4 2020, executive summary of the financial performance with details of the Gases and PED business during the year 2020 and the Balance Sheet as on 31 December 2020. The Managing Director's presentation also covered actions taken by the Company to combat the surge in medical oxygen demand particularly during the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of Covid-19, outlook and overview of the various growth drivers for the Company.

The Chairman thereafter, added that since the Notice convening the Annual General Meeting had already been circulated to the Members, the same was being taken as read with the consent of the Members. The Chairman stated that since there were no qualifications or observations or comments in the Independent Auditors' Report- both standalone and consolidated and in the Secretarial Audit Report, which might have adverse impact on the functioning of the Company, the same was taken as read with the permission of the Members.

Thereafter, at the request of the Chairman, the Asst. Vice President and Company Secretary provided brief details of the resolutions (ordinary and special business) set forth in the Notice of the AGM as follows:

#### Brief details of the items deliberated at the AGM:

SI. No.	Particulars	Brief details of the Resolutions		
51. 140.	ORDINARY BUSINESS			
1	Adoption of Audited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Statements and Reports	Ordinary Resolution in respect of adoption of the Audited Standalone Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020, the Reports of the Auditors and Directors thereon and the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 and the Reports of the Auditors thereon.		
2.	Declaration of Dividend	Ordinary Resolution in respect of declaration of Dividend on 85,284,223 Equity Shares of Rs. 10/- each for the year ended 31 December 2020, at the rate of 30%, i.e., Rs. 3/- per equity share of Rs. 10/- each.		
3.	Appointment of Director retiring by rotation	Ordinary Resolution in respect of re-appointment of Mr Robert John Hughes as Director, who retires by rotation and being eligible, offered himself for re-appointment.		
	SPECIAL BUSINESS			
4.,	Ratification of remuneration of Cost Auditors	Ordinary Resolution in respect of ratification of remuneration of Rs.1,75,000/- payable to Messrs Mani & Co., Cost Accountants appointed as Cost Auditors to conduct the audit of cost records of the Company for the financial year ending 31 December 2021.		
5.	Approval of material related party transactions with Praxair India Private Ltd. and Linde South Asia Services Private Ltd.	Ordinary Resolution in respect of approval of material related party transactions of the Company, whether existing or to be entered into by the Company with Praxair India Private Ltd. (a wholly owned subsidiary of the Linde Plc Group) and Linde South Asia Services Private Ltd. (formerly known as LSAS Services Private Ltd., a joint venture (JV) of the Company with Praxair India Private Ltd. up to an aggregate limit of		

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Rs.9,500 million per annum from the financial year 2021 to 2023 with individual limits for each of the related party—specified in the
explanatory statement annexed to the Notice. The Company Secretary added that the Company had also provided additional clarification on
this resolution to the stock exchanges for information of all members/investors of the Company.

The Chairman then invited the Members who had registered themselves as Speakers to ask questions or seek clarifications on the Agenda items. At the request of the Chairman, the Moderator facilitated the questions from all the speaker shareholders. After all the speaker shareholders completed with their questions, the Chairman responded to the questions received by the Company in advance as per note 21 of the AGM Notice. The Chairman then requested the Managing Director to reply to the questions raised by the speaker shareholders during the meeting. After all material and pertinent questions raised by the shareholders were answered by the Chairman and the Managing Director, the Chairman informed the Members about the e-voting, which was the last part of the proceedings.

The Chairman informed that the voting on National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) platform would remain open for 30 minutes and requested members to cast their votes, in case they had not cast their votes by way of remote e-voting. The Chairman informed that the Board of Directors had appointed Mr. S. M. Gupta of M/s. S. M. Gupta & Co, Company Secretaries, whom failing, Mr P Sarawagi, Practicing Company Secretary to scrutinize the e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner. The Chairman authorized the Managing Director and the Company Secretary of the Company to receive the Scrutinizer's Report and declare the voting results for the aforesaid resolutions and place the same on the website of the Company, the stock exchanges and NSDL and added that the resolutions as set forth in the Notice would be deemed to be passed on the date of the meeting subject to the receipt of the requisite votes. The Chairman then thanked the members for attending the meeting.

At the request of the Chairman, the Moderator announced the opening of the e-voting window for 30 minutes and added that the proceedings of the AGM would close thereafter.

As per the reports provided by NSDL, a total of 61 Members (including speaker shareholders) were present during the AGM.

The meeting concluded at 2:25 P.M. IST.

A copy of the presentation made by the Managing Director at the AGM is enclosed.

The above proceedings/outcome of the 85<sup>th</sup> AGM may please be treated as compliance with Regulation 30 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

Thanking you, Yours faithfully,

Pawan Marda

Asst. Vice President & Company Secretary

Encl.: As above

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# Presentation for 85<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Linde India Limited

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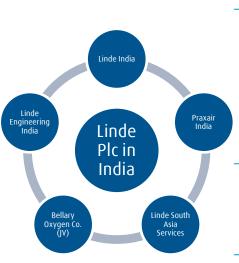
## Linde Plc & Linde India: A Brief Introduction







- → Formed in 2018 with the business combination of Linde AG and Praxair, Inc – two world-class companies with nearly 140 years of shared history and successful achievements
- → The leading industrial gases and engineering company in 100+ countries with ~ 74,000 employees
- → +6,500 patents worldwide
- → 2020 Sales: \$ 27 Billion



- → More than 100 ASU's/ Nitrogen Plants built by Linde Plc in India in the last 20 years; Worlds largest ASU's (5 x 5,250 TPD) installed at Jamnagar | 20 ASUs on BOO basis
- → Engineering centers with over 1500 professionals; Baroda (1300), Kolkata (250+), Bangalore (50)
- → Preferred partner for all major steel companies & refineries in India

### Linde India:



#### Onsite

- Long Term Agreements with key Customers such as TATA, SAIL, JSL and many other players
- Highly Capital Intensive segment



#### Bulk

- Strong Supply Chain Management; serves LOX, LIN, LAR as major products to more than 1000 Customers
- Sales team heavily supported with Deliver, Customer Service



#### **PGP Industrial Products**

- More than 20 lakh m3 of compressed gases sold per month in more than 150,000 cylinders in circulation
- Site Footprints across India



#### **PGP Special Products**

- Small focused team dealing in Special gases such as He, Calibration gases, electronic gases.
- Highly profitable segment



#### Healthcare

- Supply Medical Oxygen to Government & Private Hospitals.
- More than 200 tonnes of Medical Oxygen delivered every day by Linde Team to meet Hospital's demands



#### PED

- State of the Art ASUs, N2 generators across the Globe
- Major Customers: Steel (SAIL, TATA, JSW, BPSL, NMDC, RINL), Oil & Gas (HPCL, IOCL, BPCL, ONGC, GAIL, HMEL, MRPL, CPCL)

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## Executive Summary – YE 2020



**Safety**: Safety continues to remain our key focus area across all the businesses

**COVID Impact:** Our business (both Gases & PED) had significant impact in Q2 & Q3 before strong rebound in Q4

**SRDB Divestment Impact:** after successful divestment of SRDB in 2019, both revenue and profit numbers for the year are impacted. However, the cashflow supported in repayment of all long-term debts and significant reduction in finance cost

**Revenue**: Underlying revenue, excluding SRDB, has steadily grown in Onsite, Merchant and Healthcare businesses

**Cash flow:** after repayment of Rupee Term loan of 1,000 MINR, the company is 'debt free' with year end cash balance >3,000 MINR

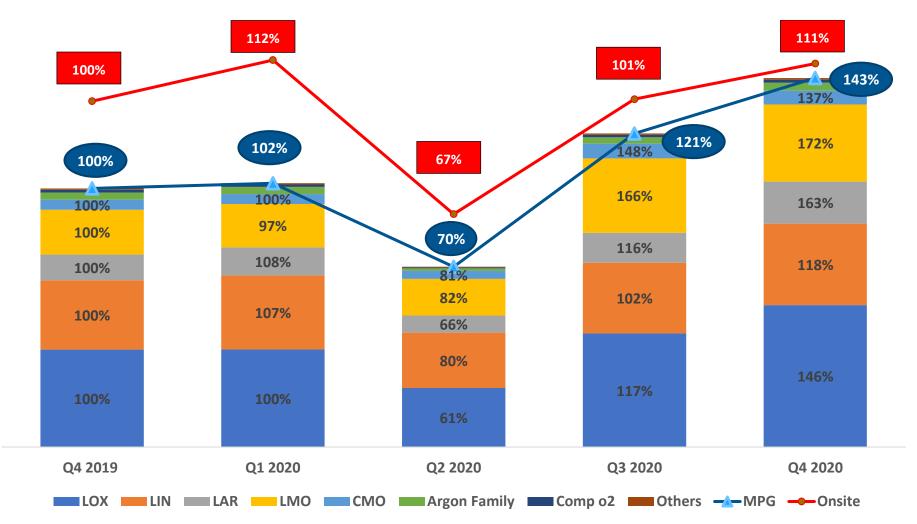
**PED projects:** Project Engineering Division has won its single largest order (>4,000 MINR) from HPCL Rajasthan Refinery Ltd. resulting in an order book of >10,000 MINR as on year end

**Dividend:** On back of robust business performance, the Board has recommended dividend @ 30% for the YE Dec 2020

Update on BDB: Belloxy Divestment Business remains as 'Asset Held for Sale' as on year end

## **Gases Volume Trend**





# Revenue & EBITDA By Divisions : YE 2020



**SRDB** 

% EBITDA Margin



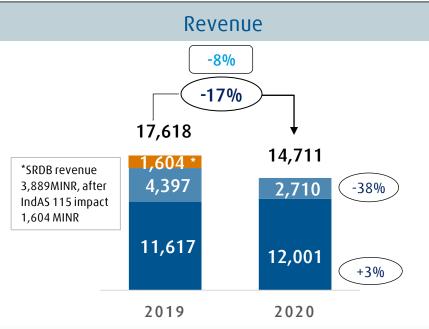
Growth



Underlying Growth

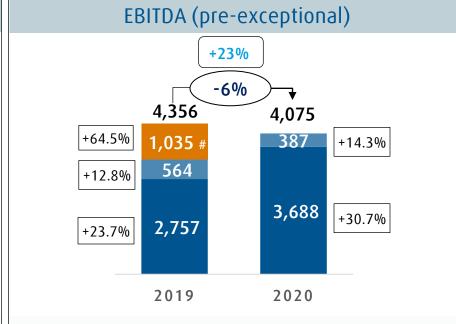








- Gases revenue up by 3% (+383m):
  - Onsite revenue up by 3%
  - Higher Healthcare demand due to COVID
  - Helium & Special Gases up by 9%
- PED revenue lower by 38% (-1,686m) due to COVID impact on project schedules and higher billing in 2019



- Underlying EBITDA higher by 23% excluding SRDB impact
- Gases EBITDA up by 34% (+ 931m):
  - Higher volumes
  - Cost savings, productivity and one-offs
- PED lower EBITDA (-177m) due to lower revenue

## Performance - YE 2020



**MINR** 

	YE 2020	YE 2019	Variance
Net Revenue (after IndAS 115 impact)	14,711	17,618	-17%
EBITDA	4,075	4,356	-6%
EBITDA Margin [0	<b>6</b> ] 27.7%	24.7%	+300 bps
РВТ	2,252	1,722	+31%
Exceptional Items	111	8,408	
PAT	1,555	7,272	-79%
EPS (incl. exceptional) [IN	IR] 18.24	85.27	-79%
EPS (excl. exceptional) [IN	R] 17.29	13.63	+27%

- Revenue down by 17% (-2,907m): excluding SRDB (-1,604m) down by 8% (-1,303m) due to COVID impacting Q2 and Q3 gases business as well as PED -38% (-1,686m) offsetting underlying overall Gases growth +3% (+383m)
- EBITDA down by 6% (-282m): excluding SRDB (-1,035m) up by 23% (+753m)
- Interest cost reduced by 93% (-800m) due to repayment of outstanding Rupee Term Loan
- Last year Exceptional items includes profit from SRDB divestment

# **Linde India – YE 2020**Key Balance Sheet items



**M INR** 

	Dec 2020	Dec 2019	Δ
Shareholders' Funds	22,037	21,368	+3%
Non-current liabilities	3,449	2,935	+18%
Long-term borrowings	-	1,000	
Current Liabilities	6,964	7,845	-11%
Total Equities and Liabilities	32,450	32,148	+1%
Non-current assets	22,008	22,933	-4%
Fixed assets	19,685	20,348	-3%
Current assets	10,246	9,023	+14%
Cash and cash equivalents	3,259	2,409	+35%
Asset Held for Sale	196	192	+2%
Total Assets	32,450	32,148	+1%

Strong Balance Sheet on back of robust business performance; zero debt and over 3,200 MINR cash balance

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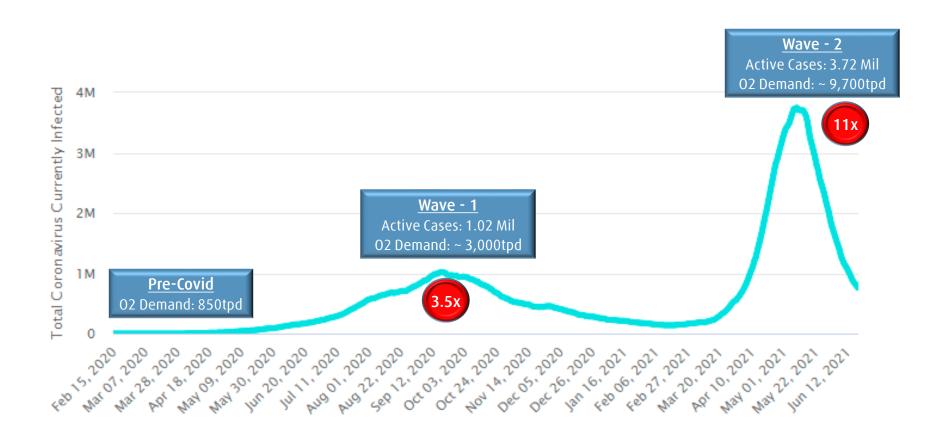
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## India Covid Data – Active Cases & Oxygen Demand





## Combating Covid Wave 2



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## Maximized LMO production & availability



## Compressed 3.5x\*\* Medical Oxygen (CMO) volumes

- LOX Production increased beyond nameplate capacity at all sites (upto 150%)
  - Minimizing LIN & LAR production
  - Using full liquefaction capacities
- Stopping industrial LOX sales (mandated by GoI)
- Stopping onsite LOX pumping, reduction of gaseous oxygen supply to onsite customers.



- Conversion of 90% of Industrial O2 cylinders to CMO
- Almost all sites working 3 shifts; converting inert gas bays to CMO



## New LMO facilities; Capacity augmentation

- Multiple orders received since Apr-20
- Several tanks commissioned in this period



## **Improved Distribution capabilities**

- Conversion of LIN & LAR tankers to LOX
- Engaging third party tankers, encouraging collect customers
- Tanker movement by rail on RORO basis
- Air freight of empty tankers to cut turnaround time
- Import of ISO containers (sourcing funnel provided by Linde group companies)
  - Through IAF, military grade air charters, Indian Navy
- Working with partner companies to sponsor ISO imports Tata Steel, ITC, Adani (deployed) + Shell, IOCL (yet to start)

- Movement of ISO containers using Concor & Indian Railway facilities to set up supply chains.
- Working with partner companies to ease challenges in road movement - drivers, trucks
- Channeling assets (cylinders, cryo containers) from Group companies to India
- Helping tie-ups with Linde entities in APAC & Middle East for LMO import possibilities.
- Working with CII, FICCI and others on recommendations to GoI & **Empowered Group 2**

\*\* - Compared to Feb'21

# When the going gets tough, the tough get going...













ISO Tank from Singapore being unloaded from Indian Navy ship

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## Future Outlook - Growth Drivers for Linde India

Growth

- Win larger share of new

Develop pipeline clusters

prospects



#### **Onsite & PED** PGP IP, HC, SPC Bulk Metallurgy,: Healthcare: **Primary Metals:** - High Steel prices, strong demand ATS offerings in primary metals - Focus on hospitals in Tier 2, 3 to drive new investments & (Steel, Copper, Aluminium) towns Target Mkt expansions Chemistry: - Strengthen LIV, Entonox, MGPS, **Segments** Chemistry: Pharmaceuticals growing fast **PSA plants** - Airgas Opportunities in Refinery Demands from chemicals, Paints Manufacturing & Petrochemical plants (IOCL, Boost from Make in India drive Automotive: Shell etc.) - Gradual resumption of MAPAX Glass & Paper production expected by 2H-2021 Mobile Fill at construction sites - Pursue selective opportunities Food & Bev. **Electronics** - Fast growing, resilient market N2 Dosing, Cryo-grinding, freezing opportunities SPC and N2 opportunities RE/Low-cost Power sourcing - Focus pricing & margin actions, - PGP growth through MBC, focus **Optimize** Leverage capabilities of PED for contract execution on high value products: Ar & N2 Base enhanced insourcing - Improve density: reduce fixed - Improve Deliver profitability through CNG & E-Vehicles cost - Differentiated offering through Leverage on competitive Expand geographic footprint in New technologies strategic locations micro bulk

- LOX & LIN loading through ATS

- M&A Opportunities

- Helium warm magnet filling

M&A opportunities

# Thank You

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