

Linde (Germany): Merger with Praxair (USA)

Informative Notice - Update

23 October 2017

Further to the FTSE Russell notice released on 29 September 2017 regarding the stock merger between Linde (Germany, 5740817, GEIS Large Cap) and Praxair (USA, 2699291, GEIS Large Cap), FTSE Russell has noted the updated timetable and minimum acceptance rate requirement announced by the company. Therefore, FTSE Russell anticipates that, subject to the minimum 60% exchange offer acceptance level being met at the conclusion of the initial acceptance period on 07 November 2017, Linde shares (ISIN DE0006483001, SEDOL 5740817) will be replaced with the tendered share class (ISIN DE000A2E4L75, SEDOL BF8K6K8) in the FTSE Russell indexes. The replacement will be effective during the additional acceptance period which commences on 11 November 2017, with the provision of two days' notice. The effective date of the change, if applicable, will occur at least one clear business day after the additional tender offer period opens.

There will be no divisor change and no index weighting change.

Subject to regulatory clearance, the merger is expected to become effective in the second quarter of 2018. FTSE Russell will issue a further notice to confirm treatment in due course.

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