

Linde (Germany): Merger with Praxair (USA)

Informative Notice - Further Update

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Further to the FTSE Russell notice released on 23 October 2017 regarding the stock merger between Linde (Germany, 5740817, GEIS Large Cap) and Praxair (USA, 2699291, GEIS Large Cap), FTSE Russell notes that at the end of the initial offer period the minimum exchange offer acceptance rate has been met. To allow remaining Linde shareholders to tender their shares, an additional acceptance period will commence on 11 November 2017. FTSE Russell will replace Linde shares (ISIN DE0006483001, SEDOL 5740817) with the tendered share class (ISIN DE000A2E4L75, SEDOL BF8K6K8) in the FTSE Russell indexes effective 14 November 2017.

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 half of 2018. FTSE Russell will issue a further notice to confirm treatment in due course.

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