
WilmerHale Secures Antitrust Clearance for Linde In BOC Acquisition

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WilmerHale secured antitrust clearance from the US Federal Trade Commission for the \$14.9 billion acquisition of the BOC Group by its client Linde AG.

Linde and BOC are both international suppliers of industrial gases for a variety of applications in industries including chemical, electronic, food and healthcare. Linde's acquisition of BOC represents the largest acquisition in Linde's history and one of the largest acquisitions ever by a German company of non-German firm.

WilmerHale also represented Linde before the European Commission, which cleared the transaction on June 6, 2006, after a Phase I investigation on the basis of commitments offered by Linde. WilmerHale continues to represent Linde in coordinating merger filings with various competition authorities throughout the world.

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