

WilmerHale Successfully Represents Linde In BOC Acquisition

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WilmerHale successfully represented its client Linde AG of Wiesbaden, Germany before the European Commission in the acquisition of The BOC Group PLC of Windlesham, UK. Through its acquisition of BOC, Linde will become one of the world's leading producers of industrial gases.

The European Commission cleared the transaction on 6 June 2006 after a Phase I investigation on the basis of commitments offered by Linde.

Linde and BOC are both international suppliers of gases for a variety of applications in industries including chemical, electronic, food and healthcare. Linde's acquisition of BOC represents the largest takeover in Linde's history and is one of the largest foreign transactions ever undertaken by a German company.

WilmerHale continues to represent Linde in proceedings before the Federal Trade Commission as well as coordinating further merger filings with various competition authorities throughout the world.

The international team of competition lawyers includes William Kolasky, Ulrich Quack, Sven Völcker, Leon Greenfield, Antonio Capobianco, Oliver Fleischmann, Alexander Jüngling, Alexander Krulic, Angelika Peck, Hartmut Schneider and Christian Woerz.

WilmerHale regularly advises Linde on matters of antitrust and merger control law.