



# Invitation

to the Annual General Meeting 2017  
on 10 May 2017

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# INVITATION TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF LINDE AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT

Dear Shareholders,

You are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of Linde Aktiengesellschaft to be held on Wednesday, 10 May 2017, at 10.00 a.m. CEST, at the ICM – International Congress Centre Munich, Messegelände (Trade Fair Grounds), 81823 Munich, Germany.

# AGENDA

1. Presentation of the adopted annual financial statements of Linde Aktiengesellschaft and the approved consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016, the combined management report for Linde Aktiengesellschaft and the Group including the explanatory report on the information pursuant to section 289 para. 4 and section 315 para. 4 German Commercial Code as well as the Report of the Supervisory Board

No resolution will be taken on agenda item 1. In accordance with the applicable law provisions, the Supervisory Board has approved the annual financial statements of Linde Aktiengesellschaft and the consolidated financial statements and has adopted the annual financial statements of Linde Aktiengesellschaft. Adoption by the Annual General Meeting is thus not required.

2. Resolution on the appropriation of the balance sheet profit (dividend payment)

The Executive Board and the Supervisory Board propose that the balance sheet profit of EUR 686,860,862.70 from the business year 2016 be appropriated as follows:

Payment of a dividend of EUR 3.70 per no-par-value share entitled to a dividend.

The total dividend payout for 185,638,071 no-par-value shares entitled to a dividend thus amounts to EUR 686,860,862.70.

The 95,109 treasury shares without any dividend entitlement held by the Company at the time of the Executive Board's and the Supervisory Board's resolution on the proposed appropriation of the balance sheet profit (dividend payment) are not included in the calculation of the total dividend payout.

Should the number of treasury shares increase by the Annual General Meeting, a modified resolution will be proposed to the Annual General Meeting providing for an unchanged dividend in the amount of EUR 3.70 per no-par-value share entitled to a dividend and for the total amount of the dividend payment as adjusted accordingly. In this

case, the differential amount between the total dividend payout and the balance sheet profit which, therefore, will not be paid, will be carried forward to new account.

Should the number of treasury shares decrease until the Annual General Meeting, a modified resolution will be proposed to the Annual General Meeting providing for an unchanged payment of the total balance sheet profit under equal allocation to all no-par-value shares entitled to a dividend, i.e. by reducing the dividend which mathematically is attributable to each no-par-value share entitled to a dividend. In this case, any remaining balance which cannot be distributed any further will be carried forward to new account.

In accordance with section 58 para. 4 sentence 2 German Stock Corporation Act in the version applicable as of 1 January 2017, the dividend claim becomes due for payment on the third business day after the Annual General Meeting, i.e. on Monday, 15 May 2017. Provision of an earlier due date is not permissible (section 58 para. 4 sentence 3 German Stock Corporation Act).

### 3. Resolution on the discharge of the actions of the Executive Board members

The Executive Board and the Supervisory Board propose that the acts of the Executive Board members holding office in the business year 2016 be formally approved for this period.

### 4. Resolution on the discharge of the actions of the Supervisory Board members

The Executive Board and the Supervisory Board propose that the acts of the Supervisory Board members holding office in the business year 2016 be formally approved for this period.

### 5. Resolution on the appointment of public auditors

Upon recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Supervisory Board proposes that

- 1 KPMG AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Berlin, Germany, be appointed auditor and Group auditor for the business year 2017 as well as auditor for the limited review of interim (condensed) financial statements and reports for the business year 2017, if and to the extent such interim financial statements and reports will be reviewed by the auditor,
- 2 KPMG AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Berlin, Germany, be appointed auditor for the limited review of the interim (condensed) financial statement and report for the first quarter of 2018, if and to the extent such interim (condensed) financial statements and reports will be reviewed by the auditor.

## 6. Election to the Supervisory Board

According to number 7.1 of the Articles of Association of the Company, section 96 para. 1 and 2, section 101 para.1 German Stock Corporation Act and section 1 para.1, section 5 para.1 and section 7 para. 1 sentence 1 no.1 Employee Codetermination Act (Mitbestimmungsgesetz), the Supervisory Board of the Company comprises 12 members, of whom six members are elected by the Annual General Meeting and six members are to be elected by the employees, respectively.

In order to comply with the minimum requirement set out in section 96 para.2 sentence 1 German Stock Corporation Act, the Supervisory Board must be composed of four women and four men, respectively. In accordance with section 96 para.2 sentence 3 German Stock Corporation Act, an objection has been lodged against the approach of comprehensive fulfilment (Widerspruch gegen die Gesamterfüllung) by the shareholder representatives, so that the minimum requirement for this election must be met separately for the shareholder representatives and the employees, respectively. Therefore, at least two of the shareholder positions on the Supervisory Board have to be taken by women and by men, respectively. Since presently there are already two women and four men representing the shareholders' side, no requirements for the forthcoming election of a shareholder representative on the Supervisory Board result from the minimum requirement as set forth above.

Michael Diekmann resigned from his office as shareholder representative on the Supervisory Board with effect from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting on 10 May 2017, so that his office as member of the Supervisory Board will end on such date. If a member of the Supervisory Board is elected in place of a retiring member, number 7.2 of the Articles of Association of the Company provides that he is elected for the remainder of the term of office of the retiring member. The ordinary term of office of all members of the Company's Supervisory Board ends with the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting deciding on the formal approval of the acts of the members of the Supervisory Board for the business year 2017. Therefore, Dr Thomas Enders shall be elected with effect as of the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting 2017 for the period until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting resolving on the formal approval of the acts of the Supervisory Board during the business year 2017.

The following proposal for election is based on the recommendation of the Nomination Committee of the Supervisory Board and takes into account the objectives adopted by the Supervisory Board for its composition.

The Supervisory Board proposes to elect

- **Dr Thomas Enders**, Munich,  
Chief Executive Officer of Airbus SE

to the Supervisory Board of the Company with effect as of the conclusion of today's Annual General Meeting for the period until

the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting resolving on the formal approval of the acts of the Supervisory Board during the business year 2017.

The Supervisory Board candidate of the shareholder representatives proposed for election is a member in the following mandatory supervisory boards and comparable domestic and foreign controlling bodies of commercial enterprises:

Memberships in other mandatory supervisory boards:

Airbus Defence and Space Deutschland GmbH  
(Chairman of the Supervisory Board)

Memberships in comparable domestic and foreign controlling bodies of commercial enterprises:

Airbus SAS (Member of the Shareholder Board)  
Airbus Helicopters SAS (Chairman of the Supervisory Board)  
Airbus Defense Holding B.V. (Chairman of the Supervisory Board)  
All of the aforementioned companies are Airbus SE Group companies.  
WORLDVU Satellites Ltd. (OneWeb) (Member of the Board of Directors)

The curriculum vitae of Dr Thomas Enders is set out on the website

► [WWW.LINDE.COM/ANNUALGENERALMEETING](http://WWW.LINDE.COM/ANNUALGENERALMEETING).

Pursuant to Clause 5.4.1 of the German Corporate Governance Code, reference is made to the following: according to the appraisal of the Supervisory Board, there are no personal or business relations which could influence the vote of an objectively judging shareholder between Dr Thomas Enders on the one side and the companies of the Linde Group, the corporate bodies of Linde AG, or a shareholder directly or indirectly holding more than 10% of the voting shares of Linde AG on the other side.

# FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE CONVENING OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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## 1. Total number of shares and voting rights

As of the calling of the Annual General Meeting, the nominal capital amounts to EUR 475,476,940.80 and is divided into 185,733,180 ordinary no-par-value shares, entitling the holder to participate in, and to vote at, general meetings, granting one vote each. The total number of voting rights therefore is 185,733,180. This total number of no-par-value shares includes the 95,109 treasury shares held by the Company at the time of the calling of the Annual General Meeting from which the Company cannot derive any rights pursuant to section 71b German Stock Corporation Act.

## 2. Participation right by registration and proof of shareholding

Those shareholders who register with the Company and submit specific proof of their shareholding issued by their depository credit or financial services institution have the right to participate in and exercise their voting right at the Annual General Meeting.

Proof of shareholding must refer to the beginning of 19 April 2017, 00:00 hrs CEST (record date). Registration for the Annual General Meeting and proof of shareholding must be received by Linde Aktiengesellschaft by 3 May 2017, 24:00 hrs CEST, at the latest at the following address:

Linde Aktiengesellschaft  
c/o HV AG  
Jakob-Oswald-Str. 22  
92289 Ursensollen, Germany

or by fax: +49.9628.4270751

or by email: ► [EINTRITTSKARTE@ANMELDUNG-HV.DE](mailto:EINTRITTSKARTE@ANMELDUNG-HV.DE)

Registration and proof of shareholding require text form (section 126b German Civil Code) and must be prepared in German or English.

A shareholder will only be deemed a shareholder entitled to participate in the meeting or to exercise voting rights in relation to the Company if the shareholder has submitted proof of shareholding. Entitlement to participate in the meeting and the scope of the voting rights



are exclusively determined by the shareholding on the record date. The record date will not lead to a block of the sale of the shareholding. Even in the event of a full or partial sale of the shareholding following the record date, only those shares held by the shareholder on the record date will be relevant for participation in the meeting and the scope of voting rights, i.e. the sale of shares after the record date will not affect entitlement to participate in the meeting and the scope of voting rights. This also applies mutatis mutandis if additional shares are purchased after the record date. Persons who do not own any shares on the record date and become shareholders only after the record date are not entitled to participate in the meeting or to exercise voting rights. The record date does not constitute a relevant date with respect to entitlement to a dividend.

Following receipt of registration and proof of shareholding, admission and voting tickets for the Annual General Meeting will be sent to the eligible shareholders. We kindly ask the shareholders who wish to attend the Annual General Meeting or exercise their voting rights by a proxy or by postal voting to timely request their admission and voting tickets at their depository bank. In this case, the required registration and proof of shareholding will be carried out by the depository bank. Therefore, shareholders who have requested the admission and voting ticket at their depository bank in time do not need to take any further action.

Holders of American Depositary Receipts (ADR) can contact Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas (Depository) by email, ► [ADR.CORPORATEACTION@LIST.DB.COM](mailto:ADR.CORPORATEACTION@LIST.DB.COM), or telephone, +1.212.250-9100, for further information.

### 3. Procedure for proxy voting

#### [a] *Authorising a third-party proxy*

Shareholders may exercise their voting rights at the Annual General Meeting by a proxy, e.g. the depository bank, a shareholders' association or a person of their choice. If a shareholder appoints more than one proxy, the Company may reject one or more of these proxies. Registration, including proof of shareholding, in due time in accordance with the aforesaid provisions is also necessary in case of proxy authorisations.

Pursuant to section 134 para. 3 sentence 3 German Stock Corporation Act and the Articles of Association of the Company, the granting of the power of attorney, its revocation and the evidence of authorisation towards the Company require text form, unless otherwise provided in the following provisions of this paragraph. For granting proxy, shareholders may use the proxy form on the back of the admission and voting ticket for the Annual General Meeting which they will receive after registration. However, shareholders may also issue a separate power of attorney. The corresponding form of proxy can be found on the Company's website at ► [WWW.LINDE.COM/ANNUALGENERALMEETING](http://WWW.LINDE.COM/ANNUALGENERALMEETING). With respect to the provision of proof of the appointment of a proxy, the Company offers to shareholders to send proof by email to the Company by 8 May 2017, 24:00 hrs CEST at the latest to ► [EINTRITTSKARTE@ANMELDUNG-HV.DE](mailto:EINTRITTSKARTE@ANMELDUNG-HV.DE). However, proof of the appointment of a proxy can also be presented at one of the reception desks at the Annual General Meeting.

If a credit institution, an institution, or a company treated as equivalent to credit institutions pursuant to sections 135 para. 10, 125 para. 5 German Stock Corporation Act, an association of shareholders or any of the individuals to which, pursuant to section 135 para. 8 German Stock Corporation Act, the provisions of section 135 paras. 1 to 7 German Stock Corporation Act apply *mutatis mutandis*, is authorised to exercise voting rights by proxy, usually special rules apply, which must be obtained from the relevant proxy. Under law, it suffices in these cases if the power of attorney is issued to a particular proxy and is kept by the proxy in a verifiable form. The requirement of text form does not apply. Moreover, the power of attorney must be complete and may only contain declarations associated with exercising of voting rights. Therefore, please coordinate the form of the power of attorney with the intended proxy if you wish to appoint as proxy a credit institution, an association of shareholders or another institution, company or individual treated as equivalent to credit institutions pursuant to section 135 German Stock Corporation Act. However, any violation of the aforesaid and specific additional requirements under section 135 German Stock Corporation Act for proxy authorisation of the entities mentioned in this paragraph, does not, pursuant to section 135 para. 7 German Stock Corporation Act, impair the validity of votes cast.

*[b] Authorising representatives named by the Company*

We offer our shareholders the option to exercise their voting rights via representatives named by Linde Aktiengesellschaft who are employees of the Company. In order to do so, a power of attorney and explicit and unambiguous instructions on exercising voting rights with respect to every relevant agenda item must be issued to the representative. If no explicit and unambiguous instruction has been issued, the representative named by the Company will abstain from voting on the respective agenda item. The representatives named by the Company are bound to vote in accordance with such instructions. If, instead of a collective vote, individual votes on any single item of the agenda are cast, the voting instructions issued for that agenda item shall apply mutatis mutandis for each item of the individual votes. Timely registration and proof of shareholding as described above under "Participation right by registration and proof of shareholding" will be required also for authorising the representatives named by the Company.

The power of attorney and voting instructions to the representatives named by the Company may be issued via the Internet ► [WWW.LINDE.COM/ANNUALGENERALMEETING](http://WWW.LINDE.COM/ANNUALGENERALMEETING) or in text form using the proxy and instruction form provided for this purpose on the admission and voting ticket.

If issued in text form prior to the Annual General Meeting, powers of attorney and instructions to the representatives named by the Company must be received by the Company by 8 May 2017, 24:00 hrs CEST, at the latest at the following address:

Linde Aktiengesellschaft  
Group Legal & Compliance  
Klosterhofstrasse 1  
80331 Munich, Germany

or by fax: +49.9628.4270751

or by email: ► [EINTRITTSKARTE@ANMELDUNG-HV.DE](mailto:EINTRITTSKARTE@ANMELDUNG-HV.DE)

If issued via the Internet, powers of attorney and voting instructions to the representatives named by the Company must be fully issued by 9 May 2017, 20:00 hrs CEST at the latest. It is possible until this time to revoke the power of attorney issued via the Internet or to change instructions given via the Internet. For the use of the Internet system for issuing powers of attorney and instructions, the admission and voting ticket is required. Shareholders can obtain access to the Internet system via the Company's website at ► [WWW.LINDE.COM/ANNUALGENERALMEETING](http://WWW.LINDE.COM/ANNUALGENERALMEETING).

Should a shareholder timely issue a power of attorney and voting instructions to the representatives named by the Company both in text form and via the Internet then, irrespective of the dates of receipt by the Company, only the power of attorney and voting instructions issued in text form will be deemed binding. Powers of attorney and instructions which have been issued in text form cannot be revoked or changed via the Internet.

If the shareholder or another authorised proxy participates personally at the Annual General Meeting, any power of attorney previously issued to the employees nominated by the Company as representatives will be ineffective. At the Annual General Meeting, powers of attorney and instructions to the representatives named by the Company can be issued until the end of the general debate by submitting the completed form provided on the admission and voting ticket at one of the reception desks.

#### 4. Procedure for postal voting

Shareholders may cast their votes without participating at the Annual General Meeting by postal vote. These votes are cast via the Internet ► [WWW.LINDE.COM/ANNUALGENERALMEETING](http://WWW.LINDE.COM/ANNUALGENERALMEETING) or by using the postal voting form provided for on the admission and voting ticket. If a postal vote is not explicit and unambiguous regarding a specific agenda item, this will be considered an abstention from voting on the respective agenda item.

If, instead of a collective vote, individual votes on any single item of the agenda are cast, the postal vote cast for that agenda item shall apply mutatis mutandis for each item of the individual votes. Timely registration and provision of proof of shareholding as described above under "Participation right by registration and proof of shareholding" will be required also for postal voting.

The votes cast using the postal voting form must be received by the Company by 8 May 2017, 24:00 hrs CEST, at the latest at the following address:

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Group Legal & Compliance  
Klosterhofstrasse 1  
80331 Munich, Germany

or by fax: +49.9628.4270751

or by email: ► [EINTRITTSKARTE@ANMELDUNG-HV.DE](mailto:EINTRITTSKARTE@ANMELDUNG-HV.DE)

The casting of the postal vote via the Internet must be fully completed by 9 May 2017, 20:00 hrs CEST at the latest. It is possible until this time to revoke or change votes that have been cast via the Internet. To cast a postal vote via the Internet, the admission and voting ticket is required. Shareholders can obtain access to the Internet system via the Company's website at ► [WWW.LINDE.COM/ANNUALGENERALMEETING](http://WWW.LINDE.COM/ANNUALGENERALMEETING).

Proxies may also cast postal votes. The provisions regarding the granting and revocation of power of attorney and submission of proof of the appointment of a proxy remain unaffected.

Should a shareholder timely cast a vote both by using the postal voting form and via the Internet then, irrespective of the dates of receipt by the Company, only the vote cast by postal voting form will be deemed binding. A vote cast by postal voting form may not be revoked or changed via the Internet.

If a shareholder or an authorised proxy participates personally at the Annual General Meeting, any votes cast previously by postal voting will be ineffective. At the Annual General Meeting, votes can be cast by way of postal voting until the end of the general debate by submitting the completed form provided on the admission and voting ticket at one of the reception desks.

## 5. Further information on proxy voting and postal voting

The shareholders will receive together with their admission and voting ticket a brochure with detailed information on proxy voting and postal voting. The relevant information is also available via the Internet at ► [WWW.LINDE.COM/ANNUALGENERALMEETING](http://WWW.LINDE.COM/ANNUALGENERALMEETING).

## 6. Shareholder rights pursuant to section 122 para. 2, section 126 para. 1, section 127 and section 131 para. 1 German Stock Corporation Act

### *[a] Addition to the agenda pursuant to section 122 para. 2 German Stock Corporation Act*

Shareholders whose shares in total represent 5 percent of the share capital or a proportionate amount of EUR 500,000 of the share capital may request that items be included in the agenda and published. Such a request must be addressed in writing to the

Executive Board of the Company  
Linde Aktiengesellschaft  
Group Legal & Compliance  
Klosterhofstrasse 1  
80331 Munich, Germany

and must have been received by the Company at least 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. For the purpose of calculating the above time period, the day of receipt and the day of the Annual General Meeting shall not be counted. Thus, the last permissible day of receipt is Saturday, 9 April 2017, 24:00 hrs CEST. Each new item must be substantiated or accompanied by the wording of the proposed resolution.

Shareholders requesting such addition to the agenda must provide proof that they have held the shares for at least 90 days prior to receipt of the request and that they will hold the shares until the Executive Board's decision on the request. For the purpose of calculating the shareholding period, Section 70 German Stock Corporation Act shall apply. Section 121 para. 7 German Stock Corporation Act shall also apply mutatis mutandis; accordingly, the day of receipt of the request shall not be counted. No postponement or forwarding from a Sunday, Saturday or holiday to a business day preceding or following such day shall take place. Sections 187 through 193 German Civil Code shall not apply mutatis mutandis.

Additions to the agenda which have to be published shall be published in the Federal Gazette without delay after receipt of the request, unless they have already been published together with the convening of the Annual General Meeting. They shall also be made available on the website ► [WWW.LINDE.COM/ANNUALGENERALMEETING](http://WWW.LINDE.COM/ANNUALGENERALMEETING).

More detailed explanations regarding additions to the agenda are set out on the website at ► [WWW.LINDE.COM/ANNUALGENERALMEETING](http://WWW.LINDE.COM/ANNUALGENERALMEETING).

*[b] Motions and election proposals by shareholders pursuant to section 126 para. 1 and section 127 German Stock Corporation Act*

Shareholders may make motions regarding individual agenda items (cf. section 126 German Stock Corporation Act). This also applies to proposals for the election of members of the Supervisory Board or of auditors (cf. section 127 German Stock Corporation Act).

Pursuant to section 126 para. 1 German Stock Corporation Act, motions of shareholders, including the shareholder's name, a statement of grounds for the motion and any comments from the management, are to be made available to the relevant persons listed in section 125 paras. 1 to 3 German Stock Corporation Act (inter alia shareholders who so request) under the conditions set forth therein, provided that the shareholder has sent a counter motion against the proposal of the Executive Board and/or the Supervisory Board with respect to a certain item of the agenda, including a statement of grounds for the counter motion, no later than fourteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Company. For the purpose of calculating the above time period, the day of receipt and the day of the Annual General Meeting shall not be counted. Thus, the last permissible day of receipt is Tuesday, 25 April 2017, 24:00 hrs CEST. A counter motion need not be made available if one of the exclusions pursuant to section 126 para. 2 German Stock Corporation Act applies. Moreover, the statement of grounds need not be made available if it exceeds a total of 5,000 characters.

No statement of grounds needs to be provided for nominations for elections made by shareholders pursuant to section 127 German Stock Corporation Act. Election proposals shall only be made available if they contain the name, the exercised profession and the place of residence of the nominees and, in the case of an election of members of the Supervisory Board, information on their membership in other supervisory boards the constitution of which is required by law (cf. section 127 sentence 3 in conjunction with section 124 para. 3 sentence 4 and section 125 para. 1 sentence 5 German Stock Corporation Act). Pursuant to section 127 sentence 1 in conjunction with section 126 para. 2 German Stock Corporation Act, there are further conditions under which election proposals need not be made available via the website. In all other respects, the requirements and provisions for the making available of motions apply *mutatis mutandis*.

The right of each shareholder to make counter motions and election proposals during the Annual General Meeting regarding the various agenda items even without prior communication to the Company remains unaffected. Please note that any counter motions or election proposals which have been sent to the Company in advance in due time will be considered only if they are made orally during the Annual General Meeting.

More detailed explanations regarding motions and election proposals are set out on the website at ► [WWW.LINDE.COM/ANNUALGENERALMEETING](http://WWW.LINDE.COM/ANNUALGENERALMEETING).

Any shareholder motions (including statements of grounds therefor) and election proposals pursuant to section 126 para. 1 and section 127 German Stock Corporation Act shall be sent exclusively to:

Linde Aktiengesellschaft  
Group Legal & Compliance  
Klosterhofstrasse 1  
80331 Munich, Germany

or by fax to: +49.89.35757-1007

or by email to: ► [HV-ANTRAEGE@LINDE.COM](mailto:HV-ANTRAEGE@LINDE.COM)

Any motions and proposals for election by shareholders to be made available (including the shareholder's name and – in case of motions – the statement of grounds therefor) will be made available on the website ► [WWW.LINDE.COM/ANNUALGENERALMEETING](http://WWW.LINDE.COM/ANNUALGENERALMEETING) after their receipt. Any comments from the management will also be made available on the above website.

### *[c] Shareholders' information rights pursuant to section 131 para. 1 German Stock Corporation Act*

In the Annual General Meeting, each shareholder and shareholder's representative may request from the Executive Board information on the matters of the Company to the extent that such information is necessary to permit a proper evaluation of the relevant item on the agenda (cf. section 131 para. 1 German Stock Corporation Act). The right to information also extends to the Company's legal and business relations with any affiliated company as well as to the situation of the Group and the companies included in the consolidated financial statements. Requests for information must generally be made orally at the Annual General Meeting during the discussion.

The information provided shall comply with the principles of conscientious and truthful accountability. The Executive Board may refuse to provide information under the conditions set forth in section 131 para. 3 German Stock Corporation Act. Pursuant to number 14.3 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the chairman of the meeting may set a reasonable time limit for shareholders' questions and speeches. In particular, he has the right to determine at the beginning or during the Annual General Meeting a reasonable time frame for the entire course of the Annual General Meeting, for individual items and for individual questions and speeches.

More detailed explanations regarding information rights are set out on the website ► [WWW.LINDE.COM/ANNUALGENERALMEETING](http://WWW.LINDE.COM/ANNUALGENERALMEETING).



## 7. Transmission of the Annual General Meeting on the Internet

The statements of the Chairman of the Supervisory Board and the Chairman of the Executive Board at the beginning of the Annual General Meeting will be transmitted on the Internet at ► [WWW.LINDE.COM/ANNUALGENERALMEETING](http://WWW.LINDE.COM/ANNUALGENERALMEETING).

## 8. Reference to the Company's website

The present invitation to the Annual General Meeting, the documents to be made available to the Annual General Meeting including the documents relating to agenda item 1 as well as any further information in the context of the Annual General Meeting, including the information in accordance with section 124a German Stock Corporation Act will be available as from the time of the convening of the Annual General Meeting on the Company's website at ► [WWW.LINDE.COM/ANNUALGENERALMEETING](http://WWW.LINDE.COM/ANNUALGENERALMEETING).

The documents to be provided will also be available during the Annual General Meeting on 10 May 2017.

Any counter motions, election proposals or requested additions to the agenda from shareholders received by Linde Aktiengesellschaft that are required to be published will also be made accessible via the aforesaid website.

After the Annual General Meeting, the voting results will be published on the aforesaid website.

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