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Praxair Included in Inaugural 2018 Bloomberg Gender-Equality Index

DANBURY, Conn., February 14, 2018 – Praxair, Inc. (NYSE: PX), a leading industrial gas company, has joined the recently launched 2018 sector-neutral Bloomberg Gender-Equality Index (GEI), recognizing the company’s transparency and strong diversity and inclusion practices.

The GEI measures gender equality across a variety of factors, including company statistics, employee policies, and community support and engagement. The 2018 index is made up of 104 companies, from a variety of sectors, located in 24 countries. The index, which can be found at <https://bloom.bg/2G2nc1h>, provides investors with information on gender equality that is critical to the financial and operating success of businesses globally.

“Diversity and inclusion are core values at Praxair and we are proud to be recognized for our practices in these areas,” said Vanessa Abrahams-John, director of Global Diversity, Inclusion and Talent Acquisition for Praxair. “Being incorporated in Bloomberg’s Gender-Equality Index underscores our commitment to equality and ensuring that Praxair is an employer of choice for the diverse and vibrant workforce necessary to meet our customers’ needs.”

Bloomberg solicited a social survey created in partnership with third-party experts, which included Women’s World Banking, Catalyst and Working Mother Media. Those companies that are a part of this year’s index scored at or above a global threshold established by Bloomberg that reflects disclosure and achievement or adoption of best-in-class statistics and policies.

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