

Press Release

Linde Electronics presents 2014 global supplier awards

Electronic Fluorocarbons LLC and Albemarle Corporation recognised for exceptional quality, safety, service and technology performance

Singapore, September 21, 2015 – Linde Electronics, the global electronics business of The Linde Group, today announces two global supplier performance awards. The 2014 Linde Electronics Preferred Supplier Award goes to Electronic Fluorocarbons LLC in recognition of its continuous support and commitment to Linde Electronics. The 2014 Linde Electronics Most Improved Supplier Award recipient is Albemarle Corporation, in recognition of its efforts in quality and safety improvement.

Linde Electronics is committed to leading and exceeding customer expectations by providing reliable, consistent and competitive electronic material products to global semiconductor, display, solar and LED markets. The Global Supplier Performance award is one way that Linde Electronics shows its appreciation to suppliers and encourages all suppliers to strive toward continuous improvement.

Linde Electronics undertakes comprehensive due diligence to ensure reliability in its supply chain. Linde audits the suppliers based on their technical and operational capabilities and implements processes to ensure the sustainability and consistent quality of supply. Once the supply chains are established, Linde maintains a continuous engagement and improvement program with suppliers, keeping them updated on industry trends and the changing needs from customers. Linde conducts an annual, comprehensive supplier performance evaluation (SESPA) involving all major raw material providers to Linde Electronics globally. Suppliers are assessed on various aspects, which include commercial, quality, safety, delivery, technology and service levels. The Global Supplier Performance awards are based upon the results of this SESPA program.

Andreas Weisheit, Head of Linde Electronics, said: “Suppliers play a critical role in our success in the Electronics business. Their commitment, continuous quality improvement and cost efficiency will enable us to work together to grow our business and continue our leading position in the global electronics market.”

“EFC is honored to be recognized as Linde’s Preferred Supplier of the Year for 2014,” said Electronic Fluorocarbons’ Managing Director Pavel Perlov. “The award is a reflection of our commitment to providing exceptional customer service and reliable supply of high-quality, cost-competitive materials in a safe and responsible manner. As a niche supplier to this ever important sector, I am very proud to accept the award on behalf of all our employees who have worked hard to achieve the high standards expected by the Linde Group. EFC has been working with Linde for 10 years, and we look forward to our continued collaboration in the future.”

“The employees of Albemarle work hard, every day, to meet our own high standards as well as those set before us by our customers” said Albemarle Corporation’s Global Business Director Tyson Hall. “This award recognizes those standards and illustrates the importance and value of working together to accomplish a goal. It is with great appreciation that I accept this award on behalf of all Albemarle employees. We look forward to our continued partnership and the success of both companies in the future.”

About The Linde Group

In the 2014 financial year, The Linde Group generated revenue of EUR 17.047 bn, making it the largest gases and engineering company in the world with approximately 65,500 employees working in more than 100 countries worldwide. The strategy of The Linde Group is geared towards long-term profitable growth and focuses on the expansion of its international business with forward-looking products and services. Linde acts responsibly towards its shareholders, business partners, employees, society and the environment – in every one of its business areas, regions and locations across the globe. The company is committed to technologies and products that unite the goals of customer value and sustainable development.

Linde Electronics is an industry leader in gases for the electronics market—semiconductor, solar, display, LED and wafers and polysilicon. Linde Electronics helps electronics companies achieve their goals through a strong focus on quality and environmental leadership, its expertise, commitment to the industry through ongoing investments in processes, engineering, and on-site and localized solutions, a broad portfolio that includes environmentally sustainable and highly specialized and rigorously measured electronic specialty gases (ESGs), bulk/pipeline gases, equipment, and services, and through working

closely with customers to better meet their evolving needs. For more information, visit www.linde-gas.com/electronics or contact electronicsinfo@linde.com.

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