

Press Release

Linde Electronics presents 2016 global supplier award to Advance Research Chemicals

Advance Research Chemicals, Inc. recognized for excellent performance, product quality, and continuous material supply

Taipei, Taiwan, 6 March 2017 – Linde Electronics, the global electronics business of The Linde Group, today announces that Advance Research Chemicals, Inc. has received the Linde Electronics Preferred Supplier Award for 2016 in recognition of its continuous support and commitment to Linde Electronics. Advance Research Chemicals (ARC) is known as a reliable resource in the field of specialty chemicals. Many of the world's largest companies are closely associated with ARC as business partners in the manufacturing of specialty materials for their products.

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, support and cost efficiency enable us to work together to grow our business and continue our leading position in the global electronics market."

"Advance Research Chemicals is very pleased to win the 2016 Linde Electronics Preferred Supplier Award from our partner Linde," said Dr. Dayal T. Meshri, president and CEO of Advance Research Chemicals. "It is our honor to work with such a professional and efficient company that gives us such good support, advice, and senior experience in marketing and quality control. Receiving such positive and helpful feedback and information enables us to improve our performance, product quality and continuous supply in supporting Linde on critical materials. We appreciate Linde's always strong support for our business and truly believe that our excellent communication and partnership will lead us to an even more successful collaboration in the future."

About The Linde Group

In the 2015 financial year, The Linde Group generated revenue of USD 19.7 bn (EUR 17.944 bn) , making it one of the leading gases and engineering companies in the world, with approximately 65,000 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.

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Linde Electronics is an industry leader in gases for the electronics market—semiconductor, solar, display and LED. 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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