

Linde to expand Delaware industrial gases plant

Over USD 100 million investment will increase merchant liquid/gaseous product capabilities

Bridgewater, N.J., 22 September 2016 – Linde LLC today announced that it will spend over USD 100 million to increase the production of its industrial gases plant in Claymont, Delaware. The expansion project includes installing a new air separation unit (ASU) which will produce gaseous products to serve Linde customers along the Delaware River via pipeline and liquid oxygen, nitrogen and argon for customers in the Delaware Valley.

“As a company, our top priority remains to safely and reliably deliver our products and services to meet customer needs and fuel their growth,” said Pat Murphy, President of Linde Americas. “This new plant represents Linde’s continued commitment to investment in the Americas to meet demand for our essential products and services. With our unique portfolio, Linde remains confident in our capabilities to meet customer needs -- today and in the future.”

When completed in 2019, the plant will become Linde’s largest liquid merchant plant in the U.S. It will produce 1,200 tons per day of liquid oxygen, nitrogen and argon, as well as 400 tons per day of gaseous products, serving customers across the Delaware Valley and beyond.

“Linde has a long history in the Delaware Valley, serving customers in the food, metals, glass, chemical, healthcare, energy and manufacturing industries,” said Murphy. “We are very familiar with our customers’ operations, and we remain committed to meeting their future needs. Our new ASU will fill regional demand while substantially reducing our energy usage and our overall carbon footprint. It will be a win-win for our customers and for the environment.”

The new plant will be extremely energy efficient, incorporating state-of-the-art design technology from Linde Engineering, the global leader in ASU construction, consuming the least amount of energy while maximizing production capability.

“I am pleased that Linde is making a significant new investment in its Claymont facility that will create jobs while also reducing its energy footprint,” said Delaware Governor Jack Markell. “That decision is a testament to our state’s incredible workforce and reflects our welcoming business climate, and I look forward to its expanded presence in Delaware for many years to come.”

Linde LLC, Linde Americas and Linde Engineering are members of The Linde Group, a world leading gases and engineering company. 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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