

# SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT AND QUALITY POLICY

**Linde Gas** is firmly committed to protect the employees' health whilst preserving a good environment and avoiding damage to property. Linde Gas products and services meet customer requirements and all persons in the company strive to exceed customer expectations. In order to achieve this the Executive Board has adopted the following:

**Linde Gas develops and markets** gases, gas technology, equipment and related services which help the customers to increase the efficiency and quality as well as contributing to an improvement of safety, health and the environment.

**Products and services** are developed considering safety, health and environmental aspects and customer expectations.

**Linde Gas managers** accept compliance with this policy and national legislation as a key responsibility. They are committed to improve the safety and health at work of all employees and to protecting the public, the environment and property from any adverse effect of the operations. Furthermore, they lead and involve their personnel to continuously improve the quality of products and services and to achieve an excellence in customer focus.

**Linde Gas personnel** are aware of the impact of their activities on safety, health, environment and quality and accept personal responsibility for achieving the goals of this policy.

**The working conditions** for all Linde Gas personnel are safe and continuously improved with the ultimate objective that all activities are performed without accidents, other risks to health and losses.

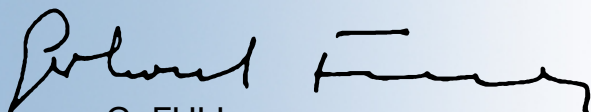
**Linde Gas plants** are designed and operated to minimise any adverse effects.

**Linde Gas openly informs** employees, the customers, the authorities and the neighbours of the impact of its operations.

**Contractors are** selected using evaluation criteria that include their safety, environmental and quality performance, and their operations should be in line with this policy.

**Linde Gas customers** receive comprehensive information on the transport, handling and use of the products.

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