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BOC India signs agreement with Adhunik Metaliks

Kolkata, 2nd February 2007: BOC India Limited, now a member of the Linde Group, today signed a 10 year long term gas supply agreement with Adhunik Metaliks, at the latter's headquarters here in Kolkata. Present at the signing ceremony were ER Raj Narayanan, Managing Director, BOC India Limited and Manoj Kumar Agarwal, Managing Director, Adhunik Metaliks

Adhunik Metaliks, the flagship company of the Kolkata based Adhunik Group, is one of the fastest growing steel companies in Eastern India with presence in West Bengal, Orissa, Jharkhand and Meghalaya. The company is now in the midst of a major expansion programme, which includes addition of a coke oven plant, oxygen plant, along with development of captive iron ore and coal mines and a captive power plant.

Under this new contract, BOC India will build and operate a 100 tons per day (tpd) air separation unit (ASU) at Adhunik's steel works in Rourkela.

Commending BOC on the quality of their plants and gases, Manoj Kumar Agarwal, Managing Director, Adhunik Metaliks said, " Adhunik prides itself on the manufacture of quality steel and wanted as its gases partner, a Company that is equally synonymous with quality. BOC is known internationally as a quality gases manufacturer, ensuring world class plants and gas purity to its customers. This was a key factor in selecting them for the supply of oxygen, nitrogen and argon to our steel works."

Commenting on the win, ER Raj Narayanan, Managing Director, BOC India said, "The steel sector has traditionally provided us with a good momentum of growth and we are proud to add Adhunik Metaliks to our portfolio of steel customers." He further added, "I see this contract as the beginning of a long term relationship with the Adhunik Group and a further consolidation of our presence in Eastern India as a leading gases supplier."

About The Linde Group: The Linde Group is a world leading industrial gases and engineering company with more than 53,000 employees working in around 70 countries worldwide. Following the acquisition of The BOC Group the company has gases and engineering sales of approximately €12 billion. The strategy of The Linde Group is geared towards earnings-based growth and focuses on the expansion of its international business with forward-looking products and services.

About BOC Gases: BOC Gases is a member of The Linde Group. A global industrial gases provider, the company employs about 20,000 people and supplies compressed and bulk gases, chemicals and equipment. In fiscal 2005, BOC Gases achieved sales of approximately €5 billion.

For more than a century the company's gases and expertise have contributed to advances in many industries and aspects of everyday life, including steel-making, refining, chemical processing, environmental protection, wastewater treatment, welding and cutting, food processing and distribution, glass production, electronics and health care.

About BOC India Limited: BOC India Limited (BOCI) is the leader in gas business in India since 1935. BOC India provides a one-stop solution to every sphere of gas and gas related business. BOC India has excelled through successfully blending of local innovation and adaptation with

international expertise from The Group. Be it for food processing, medical, domestic or industrial use, BOC India provides tailor made solutions for its customers. While providing the best solutions to its customers, BOC India has always conformed to the strictest international standards of production and safety.