

## Media Release

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### Tata Steel COO attends BOC India's Jamshedpur plant on completion of 10 years

Jamshedpur, 30 August 2008- BOC India's plant in Jamshedpur (1290 tpd plant) celebrates the tenth anniversary of commencement of commercial production on 31st August 2008. On this occasion the COO of Tata Steel Mr. H.M Nerurkar, and other enior officials from Tata Steel including Mr. Om Narayan, VP Shared Services, graced the celebrations at the BOC plant premises today.

Mr. Nerurkar said at the occasion, "We are pleased with the overall performace of the plant and the service levels provided by BOCI. The technical support now available after the merger with The Linde Group provides BOC India the access to world class technology which will stand it in good stead for the future years."

Speaking at the ceremony, Sanjiv Lamba, Head RBU - South & East Asia, Linde Gas Pte Ltd., said " We are honoured to have Tata Steel as one of our largest customers globally as well as in India. As part of The Linde Group, a leading Industrial gases and Engineering company in the world, BOC India has access to Cutting-edge Technology , Application Support, Best Industry Practices. This provides BOC India with a competitive

#### Advantage to meeting the expectations of much-valued customers like Tata Steel.

Srikumar Menon, Acting Managing Director BOC India Limited, stated at the occasion, "The association between BOC India and Tata Steel began more than 60 years ago. The partnership has over the years stood the test of time. The 10th anniversary of the 1290 plant is further testimony of the strong bonds between our two companies."

**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 as well as manufacture of cryogenic and non-cryogenic vessels and designing and commissioning of projects. 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.

**About The Linde Group:** The Linde Group is a world leading gases and engineering company with more than 50,000 employees working in around 100 countries worldwide. In the 2007 financial year it achieved sales of EUR 12.3 billion. The strategy of The Linde Group is geared towards earnings-based and sustainable growth and focuses on the expansion of its international business with forwardlooking 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. Linde is committed to technologies and products that unite the goals of customer value and sustainable development.