



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
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Office of the Secretary

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Leon B. Greenfield, Esquire
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Re: Linde AG, et al.
Docket No. C-4163

Dear Mr. Greenfield:

This letter responds to the November 24, 2006, Petition that you filed on behalf of Linde AG ("Linde") seeking prior approval by the Federal Trade Commission ("Commission") of the divestiture of the Atmospheric Gases Assets To Be Divested, as that term is defined in the August 29, 2006, order in Docket No. C-4163 ("Order"), to Airgas, Inc. The Order requires prior Commission approval of the divestiture by Linde.

After consideration of the proposed divestiture as set forth in the Petition, as well as other available information, the Commission has determined to approve the proposed divestiture of the Atmospheric Gases Assets To Be Divested to Airgas, Inc. In according its approval, the Commission has relied upon the information submitted and representations made in connection with Linde's Petition, and has assumed them to be accurate and complete.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark
Secretary