

## Press release

## Linde strengthens its role in the Shell Eco-marathon

Munich, 15 March 2017 – The technology company The Linde Group is intensifying its contribution to the Shell Eco-marathon, an annual international competition for ultra-energy-efficient prototype vehicles. The year 2017 marks the seventh time in a row in which Linde supports student teams fielding a hydrogen-powered fuel cell vehicle, supplying both the fuel as well as technical assistance.

"Our enduring commitment to the Shell Eco-marathon is part of our overarching innovation and sustainability strategy," says Dr Christian Bruch, member of the Executive Board of Linde AG. "Our products and technical solutions play a major role when it comes to saving resources in production processes. Our hydrogen technologies help in reducing the carbon footprint of transportation. Establishing close contact to the students working on future mobility at this event is extremely important to us."

As a global partner, this year Linde will be even more visible at the events: for the first time dedicated hospitality and service areas will attract a more intense dialogue with visitors, students and business partners. Furthermore, hydrogen experts from Linde will be in charge of the technical inspection of all fuel cell-powered vehicles competing at one of the three venues:

- Singapore 16-19 March
- Detroit 27-29 April
- London 25-28 May

For the participating student teams from around the world, the Shell Eco-marathon is about going farthest on the least amount of fuel. A total of 44 racing teams have registered in the fuel cell category at this year's events.

Shell and Linde have been co-operating in the advancement of environmentally friendly hydrogen mobility for many years. The two companies are working jointly on an infrastructure of public hydrogen fuelling stations in Germany, the US, the UK and other countries.

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With more than 150 fuelling stations built worldwide and over 1.5 million refuelling operations completed, Linde is a leader in the expansion of hydrogen infrastructure. The company has developed proprietary hydrogen technologies along the entire value chain such as the ionic compressor and the cryopump for vehicle refuelling. Together with partners, Linde is also exploring sustainable hydrogen production processes using renewable resources.

In the 2016 financial year, The Linde Group generated revenue of EUR 16.948 bn, making it one of the leading gases and engineering companies in the world, with approximately 60,000 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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