

# COMPUTERSHARE GOVERNANCE SERVICES

> LINDE GROUP

## CASE STUDY

Achieving necessary organizational synergies after a merger is always a massive undertaking for the newly combined firms.

GEMS greatly simplified this challenge for the Linde Group which required over 10,800 historical data records from the two firms to be merged into one unified system.

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#### FACTS

Following the creation of The Linde Group from the merger of Linde AG and the English BOC Group plc, the new company faced the challenge of replacing the existing entity management systems with a new web-based system.

#### CRITICAL ACTION

The Computershare Governance Services migration team compiled and cleaned up the entire body of corporate information in just four months. In the process, around 10,800 historical data records from the past ten years were transferred to CGS's Global Entity Management System (GEMS).

The migration followed a proven three stage process. The first step transferred as much data as possible with an automated migration, then the rest of the data was incorporated by means of user enquiries followed by manual detail work.

#### RESULTS

Thanks to the smooth implementation of GEMS, The Linde Group could swiftly and seamlessly continue its work with valid data in the new system after the merger. Linde now uses GEMS to manage over 700 entities around the world, benefiting from about 50 specific legal and regulatory reports generated by the system.



*"The close co-operation with an internationally experienced project team, and the fact that CGS has more than twenty years of expertise in similar entity management projects, were the keys to the success of our migration." - Susanne Schweiger, Management of Subsidiaries, The Linde Group*