



**PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL  
BY EMAIL**

Linde AG  
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Dear Sirs

**RE: HOLDINGS IN LINDE AG**

Following the disaggregation notification dated 27 March 2017 by Sun Life Financial Inc. made pursuant to section 22a of the Securities Trading Act, Massachusetts Financial Services Company and its subsidiaries ("MFS") confirm that MFS remains invested in Linde AG and continues to hold a reportable position as published by Linde AG on 19 December 2016.

Sun Life Financial Inc. is the ultimate parent of MFS. Further to the disaggregation notice referred to above, holdings in issuers within the scope of Securities Trading Act controlled by MFS will no longer be attributed to Sun Life Financial Inc. as parent of MFS.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rameson Rethinasamy".

Rameson Rethinasamy  
**Senior Counsel and Assistant Vice-President**  
**MFS International (U.K.) Limited**