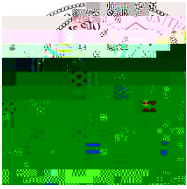


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Re: *Linde AG, et al., Docket No. C-4163*

Dear Mr. Prince and Ms. Delbaum:

This letter is to inform Linde AG (“Linde”) that it may retain the City of Industry and Richmond, California Escrow Tra