**Linde Material Handling supports critical industries during COVID-19 pandemic**

“We keep the world moving” is the guiding principle of Linde Material Handling and our commitment to this statement is more important than ever as our team of key workers pull together and help us get through this period of exceptional uncertainty. The Government recognised the key role the logistics sector is providing in these turbulent times and strengthens our support to those key industries that are vital to public health and safety during the Coronavirus outbreak.

Over the last couple of weeks Linde Material Handling UK has been working hard to support the food sector, in particular, major supermarket chains who have been working tirelessly to keep shelves stocked of food. In the last two weeks, our supermarkets have seen a peak in demand that you would expect at Christmas but without the four months build up in planning. Linde Material Handling UK has been working round the clock preparing trucks from our 10,000-strong rental fleet for the retail sectors specific needs.

Eamonn Parker, Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Linde commented “having the largest capacity of rental trucks in the industry means we can react to situations where equipment is required at short notice and as we find ourselves in this unusual situation we have met the challenge “

“In order to support the industry through this time we have pulled on resources across our entire network to work together and deliver high volumes of trucks to all parts of the country, our Wellingborough depot alone prepared 100 trucks for despatch in just one week”

However, the health, safety and wellbeing of our employees remains paramount. We have implemented measures to ensure we keep them safe and are also reviewing these policies on a daily basis. This includes standard advice from the World Health Organisation (WHO) around hand hygiene and social distancing which are being implemented across all sites.

It is to our operational employees – our service engineers, our spare parts and our logistics teams who remain active and on the front line, that we reserve our most sincere and heartfelt gratitude.  Without their daily efforts to support our critical customers, the whole of our society would be suffering even more than it is currently and would like to take this opportunity to truly thank them for everything they continue to do.

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**Linde Material Handling GmbH**
Linde Material Handling GmbH, a KION Group company, is a leading global manufacturer of forklift trucks and warehouse trucks, and a solutions and service provider for intralogistics. With a sales and service network that spans more than 100 countries, the company is represented in all major regions around the world. In the 2019 financial year, the Linde MH EMEA Operating Unit (Europe, Middle East, Africa) recorded a total revenue of roughly EUR 3.5 billion, with approximately 12,000 employees. Global sales of Linde trucks amounted to approximately 135,000 in 2019.