



## Changes to the Dow Jones STOXX<sup>SM</sup> Broad, Size & Sector Indexes

### Linde (DE) Takes Over AGA (SE)

#### Deletion: AGA 'A' & 'B' (SE)

Zurich, October 18, 1999: STOXX Limited, the operating company of the Dow Jones STOXX<sup>SM</sup> indexes, announces the following changes to all the relevant Dow Jones STOXX<sup>SM</sup> indexes due to the following recently announced corporate action.

The German industrial goods and services company Linde (DE0006483001) will take over the Swedish chemical company AGA (SE0000100182 & SE0000100208):

- The Linde takeover of AGA is effective October 21, 1999.
- AGA 'A' (SE0000100182) – with 130,042,664 shares and a market capitalisation of 2.1 BEUR – will be deleted from all the relevant Dow Jones STOXX<sup>SM</sup> broad, size and sector indexes effective October 21, 1999\*.
- AGA 'B' (SE0000100208) – with 113,397,784 shares and a market capitalisation of 1.8 BEUR – will be deleted from all the relevant Dow Jones STOXX<sup>SM</sup> broad, size and sector indexes effective October 21, 1999\*.

\* NOTE: The implementation of this change is in line with the "Guide to the Dow Jones STOXX<sup>SM</sup> Indexes" (Version 4.0, October 1999, Section 5.3 & 5.8, "Ongoing Review: Mergers & Takeovers"). It states: If a component of a size index merges with/ is taken over by a non-component of the Dow Jones STOXX<sup>SM</sup> indexes, and if the succeeding company fulfils the selection criteria for the relevant broad index, then the succeeding company will replace the component in the relevant size, broad and sector indexes immediately. All additions and deletions to the blue chip indexes, deletions to the broad, size and sector indexes, changes in the sector classification and weighting changes of more than 10% - due to delistings, bankruptcy, spin-offs, mergers and takeovers - are effective immediately; i.e., on the same day the corporate action is effective following a notification period of at least 2 trading days.

The latest monthly blue chip selection lists for the Dow Jones STOXX 50<sup>SM</sup>, Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50<sup>SM</sup> and Dow Jones STOXX Nordic 30<sup>SM</sup> blue chip indexes are downloadable from the STOXX Limited website ([www.stoxx.com](http://www.stoxx.com)).

The "Guide to the Dow Jones STOXX<sup>SM</sup> Indexes" (Version 4.0, October 1999) is available from STOXX Limited (e-mail: [stoxx@stoxx.com](mailto:stoxx@stoxx.com)) and downloadable from the STOXX Limited website ([www.stoxx.com](http://www.stoxx.com)).

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