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Venator gifts £10k to local Teesside charities as BOC Ltd named Supplier of Year

WYNYARD, UK, July 15, 2024 – Venator – a leading supplier of specialty chemicals and ingredients – is donating £10,000, in total, to two Teesside charities, as part of naming BOC, a Linde company, the winner of its first-ever Supplier of the Year Award. The donation from Venator, which is headquartered at Wynyard Park, will see The Headlight Project and Tees River Rescue each receive a donation of £5000. Both charities were nominated by employees from BOC's Teesside production site.

The Headlight Project provides counselling and therapeutic support to adults and children bereaved by suicide in the Tees Valley. Tees River Rescue provides search and rescue services up and down the River Tees, patrolling the waterway at peak times throughout the year, while also providing education, support and reassurance for river users.

The gift was announced at a special presentation held at Venator's headquarters and attended by Armando Botello, Business President UK, Ireland and Northern Europe of BOC. BOC, also based in the Stockton area, is the UK and Ireland's largest provider of industrial, medical and special gases, and is a key industrial supplier of oxygen and nitrogen to Venator's Greatham, UK site.

To select the winner of its 2023 Supplier of the Year, Venator assessed a range of criteria including business scope, sustainability performance, plus day-to-day business indicators such as delivery timeliness, accreditations, and process and person safety performance.

Commenting, Simon Turner, President and CEO of Venator, said: "BOC has been a valued Venator supplier for many years. The team has consistently demonstrated exceptional service levels – delivering innovative solutions that help us achieve our business objectives. During 2023, the BOC team took this one step further. Steadfast in their support, the service provided by BOC was a cornerstone of our success during our complex recapitalization process. BOC offered us the flexibility we needed at a difficult time – for which we are truly grateful. We look forward to continuing this successful partnership and achieving new heights together – and are pleased to make two charitable donations in BOC's honour."

Speaking on behalf of BOC, Armando Botello, Business President UK, Ireland and Northern Europe, said: "We take great pride that BOC has been recognised as the inaugural Supplier of the Year by Venator, one of our long-standing and most valued customers on Teesside, a region which embodies BOC's rich legacy of over a century in industrial gases. Teesside's industrial heritage, skilled workforce, and strategic location makes it a vital part of our country's manufacturing success. We are committed to investing in Teesside, fostering low carbon, sustainable developments, and

driving forward the next generation of industrial advancements with companies like Venator. Thank you to Venator for making this generous donation to two incredible organisations working to improve the local community."

The scope of BOC's operations is vital to Venator's TiO₂ business and also contributes to the company's environmental credentials. BOC's Teeside-based Air Separation Unit site runs on renewable power sources – meaning its supply of oxygen and nitrogen has a significant positive impact on Venator's TiO₂ product carbon footprint.

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About Venator

Venator is a global manufacturer and marketer of chemical products that comprise a broad range of pigments and additives that bring color and vibrancy to buildings, protect and extend product life, and reduce energy consumption. We market our products globally to a diversified group of industrial customers through two segments: Titanium Dioxide, which consists of our TiO₂ business, and Performance Additives, which consists of our functional additives, color pigments and timber treatment businesses. Based in Wynyrd, U.K., Venator employs approximately 2,700 associates and sells its products in more than 109 countries.

About BOC

BOC is an industrial, medical and special gases provider and part of Linde plc. BOC supplies compressed, bulk and pipeline gases, chemicals, engineering solutions and equipment and is pioneering digital and healthcare innovations and clean energy and transport technologies. For more than a century BOC's gases and expertise have contributed to advances in many areas of everyday life and industries including steelmaking, refining, chemical processing, environmental protection, wastewater treatment, welding and cutting, food processing and distribution, glass production, electronics and healthcare.

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