

January 20, 2025

Commissioner & Chair Rob Feltner Commissioner & Vice Chair Tom Goodson Commissioner Katie Delaney Commissioner Kim Adkinson Commissioner Thad Altman Planning Director Tad Calkins

RE: Linde Rezoning Request

Dear Brevard County Board of County Commissioners & Brevard County Director of Planning,

CMC Steel Florida wholly supports Linde's request to rezone of its property at 2801 Hammock Road, Mims, Florida to allow for the expansion of its existing Mims, FL facilities.

The Linde Mims industrial gas plant is a critical supplier of gases for CMC's Baldwin Florida Steel Recycling Process. CMC's Baldwin Mill recycles over 600,000 tons of scrap steel into new product such as rebar and rod and reliable and cost effect supplies of oxygen, nitrogen and argon are crucial for the steelmaking process. CMC Baldwin relies heavily on the Linde Mims site which delivers multiple truck loads each day.

Linde has supplied our steel mill in Florida, as well as other CMC steel mills, for decades. We work side by side at our steel mills and therefore know the company, culture and its employees very well. Our core values of safety, integrity and sustainability are closely aligned.

They are strong supporters of local initiatives and good corporate citizens.

As our CMC businesses in Florida continues to grow, the Linde expansion is a critical component of our future business growth in Florida. The expanded facilities will have a tremendous impact on our Florida business and the regional economy.

Sincerely,

Steven Hughes Director of Operations – CMC Steel FL