



## **COVID – 19: BOC Gases calls for return of underutilized Medical Gases cylinders**

**31<sup>st</sup> March 2020** Industrial and Medical Gas manufacturer, BOC Kenya Plc, has called on both the private and the general public to return all underutilized medical cylinders to their factory outlets across the country. The firm says this will enhance planning of adequate supply of medical oxygen and medical air in response to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

While making the appeal, BOC Kenya Managing Director Ms Marion Mwangi said about 20,000 medical oxygen cylinders were out in the market or not in use yet these cylinders could save many lives, at the same time advising that people should not use Industrial Oxygen in place of Medical Oxygen.

“We want to enhance our support to Government and private healthcare providers in responding to the treatment of COVID -19 by increasing our national medical gases cylinder float while still observing the comprehensive countermeasures that have been provided”. We therefore urge anyone with idle cylinders to surrender to us for use with urgency. The company will issue requisite documents which can be retained for future use, she assured.

The Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) listed company provides medical oxygen products that have reliably enabled healthcare professionals to provide optimal and quality therapy in both private and public hospitals in Kenya.

Ms Mwangi said the company has over the years invested heavily in the only Air Separation Unit (ASU) in East and Central Africa that guarantees purification of gases to the highest standards of 99.5%. “These investments demonstrate our contribution to the Manufacturing and Universal Healthcare for all and Agriculture which are aligned to the governments Big 4 Agenda”, she argued.

### **About BOC**

**BOC Kenya PLC** is the leading supplier of Medical, Industrial, Process, Specialty Gases and Engineering Services Company in East Africa. The company which is also listed on the Nairobi

Securities Exchange (NSE) is affiliated with the world largest Gases and Engineering Company, The Linde Group.

Since its establishment in 1940 the company has provided gases used in virtually every branch of Industry, Commerce, Science and Research. The firm is certified by British Standards International (BSI) with Safety Standard OHSAS 18001:2007, Quality Standard ISO 9001:2015 and Environment Standard ISO 14001:2015.

Its Industrial Plant situated along Kitui Road produces and distributes the atmospheric gases Oxygen, Medical Air, Nitrogen, Argon all of which are manufactured at the **Air Separation Unit (ASU)**. Its Product portfolio also includes Hydrogen, Acetylene, Carbon Dioxide, Shielding gases for welding applications, inert gases and high purity specialty gases.

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