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BOC GROUP PLC  
Form 6-K  
January 24, 2006

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Report on Form 6-K for 24 January 2006

The BOC Group plc  
Chertsey Road, Windlesham,  
Surrey GU20 6HJ  
England

(Name and address of registrant's principal executive office)

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Yes:  No:

Enclosures:

Statement made on 24 January 2006 regarding the movement in the share price of The BOC Group plc.

THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE

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ON 24 JANUARY 2006  
AT 12.03 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-2401061202-BB3A

24 January 2006

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Share price movement

The BOC Group plc (BOC) notes the recent movement in its share price and confirms that it received an unsolicited, preliminary proposal from Linde AG. The proposal was subject to a number of pre-conditions including financing, anti-trust approvals and due diligence. The Board of BOC has met together with its advisors and unanimously rejected the proposal because of its pre-conditions and its failure to value fully the growth prospects of BOC.

The Directors of BOC state their continuing confidence in the current strategy of the group to deliver growth and excellent returns to its shareholders as an independent company.

Enquiries:

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant, The BOC Group plc, has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: 24 January 2006

By: /s/ Carol Hunt

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Name: Carol Hunt  
Title: Deputy Company Secretary