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Performance – Q1 2012 Profitable Growth.



Highlights

Group sales increased by 5.4% to € 3,505 m

Group operating profit* grew by 6.2% to € 808 m

Group margin increased by 20 basis points to 23.1%

EPS of € 1.68 (3M 2011: € 1.67**) and adjusted EPS of € 1.89 (3M 2011: € 1.88**)

Operations

Solid growth in all markets

Operating margin of the Gases Division at 27.5% (+20 bp)

2012 Outlook reinforced

Growth in sales and operating profit vs. record year 2011

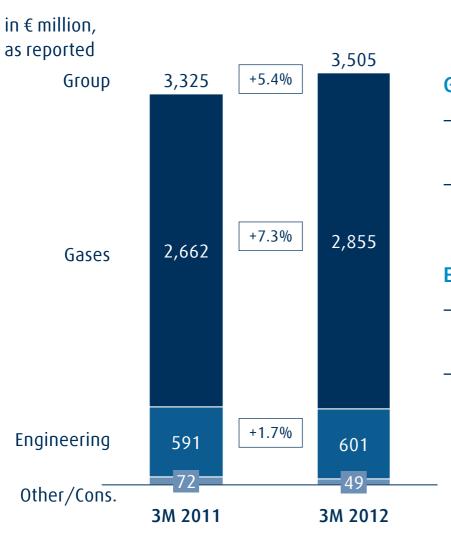
HPO: € 650-800 m of gross cost savings in 2009-2012

^{*}Operating profit defined as EBITDA incl. share of net income from associates and joint ventures

^{**}Including positive one-time effects

Group, sales by DivisionsContinued growth in all areas





Gases Division

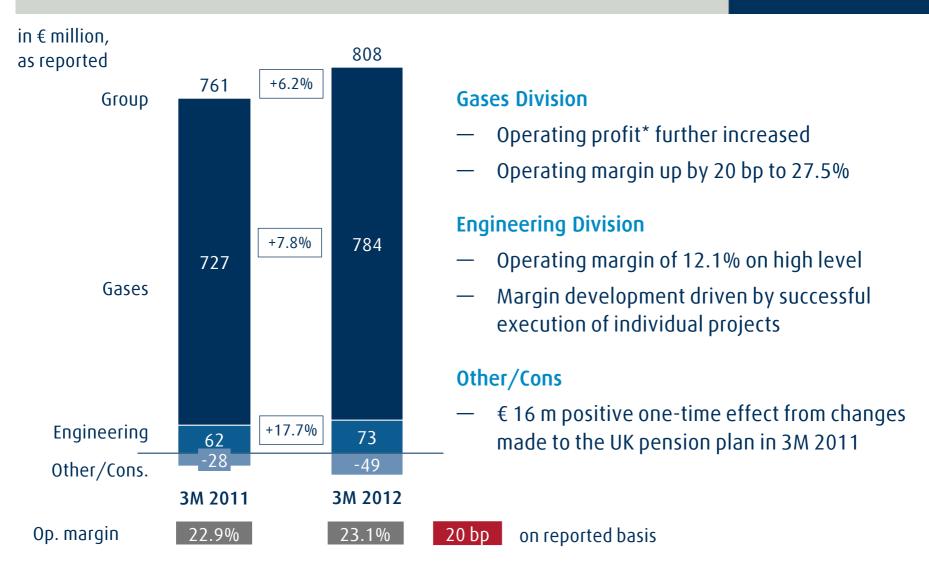
- Continued growth in all regions with comparable growth* of 4.1%
- Growth in all product areas led by Bulk

Engineering Division

- Strong order intake with more than half of the orders from Asia and Middle East
- Order backlog increased

Group, operating profit by DivisionsGroup margin further improved





Gases Division, sales by product areas Overall strong growth of joint ventures



in € million, comparable* (consolidated)



Gases Division

Including joint ventures** comparable growth of the Gases Division 4.8%

Tonnage

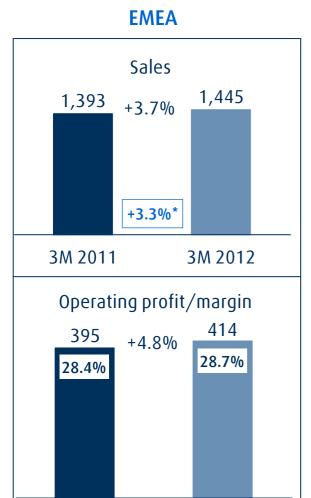
Including joint ventures** comparable growth of Tonnage 5.7%

^{*}excluding currency and natural gas price effect

Gases Division, sales and operating profit by operating segment Growth momentum continues in all regions



in € million



ASIA/PACIFIC



AMERICAS



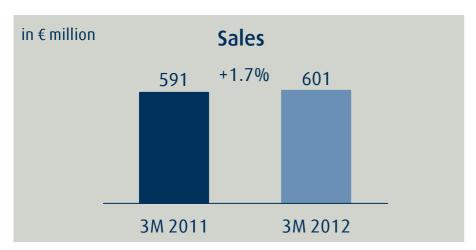
3M 2012

3M 2011

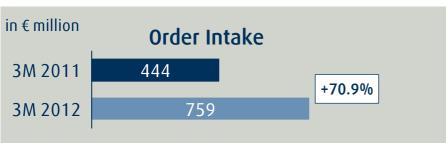
Engineering Division, key figuresStrong performance

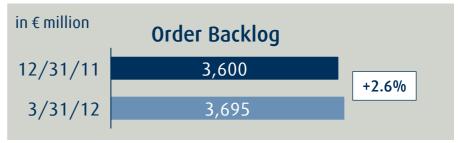


- Tonnage business supports high order intake
- Order backlog on solid level
- Strong operating profit* margin









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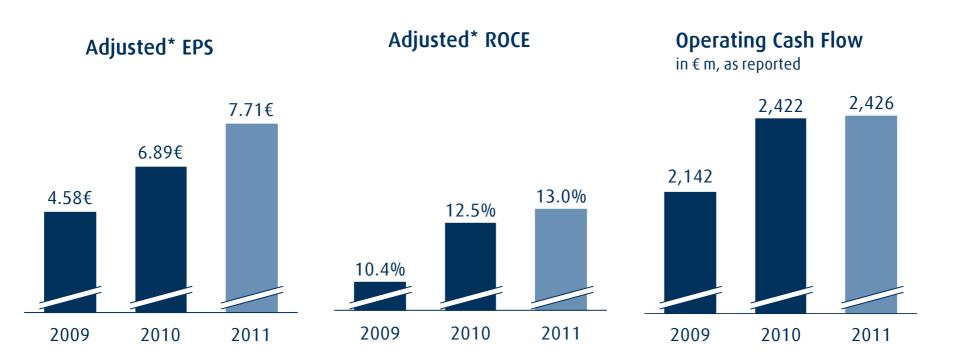
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Financial key indicators again on record levels



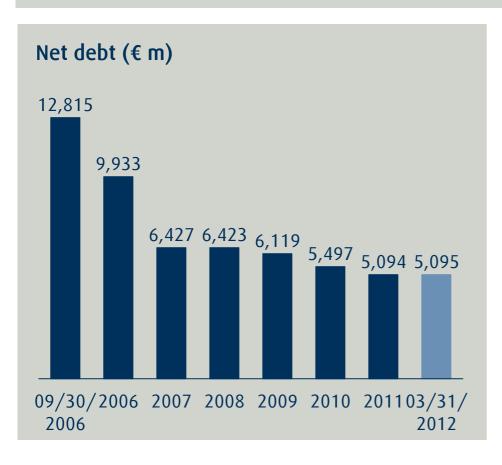
Profitable growth for our shareholders

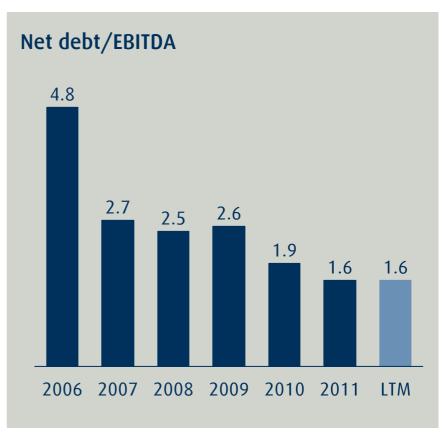
- adjusted EPS up by 11.9%
- adjusted ROCE further improved by 50 bp



Group, solid financial positionSound financial strategy







Credit Ratings

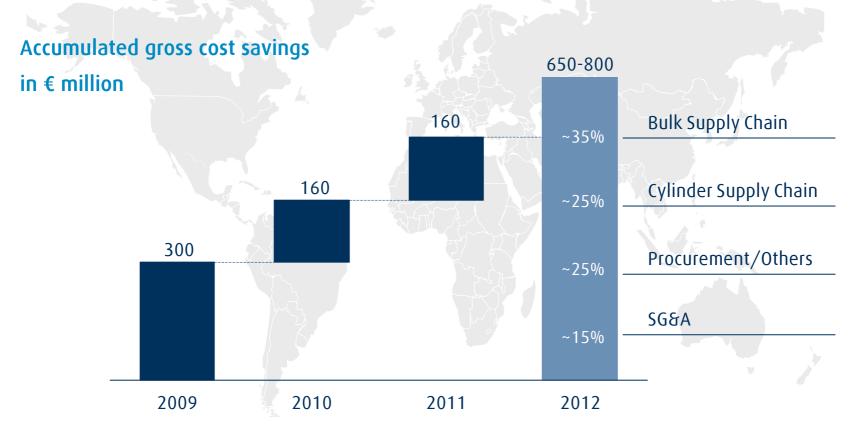
— Standard&Poor's: A-/A-2 with stable outlook (10/27/2011*)

— Moody's: A3/P-2 with stable outlook (03/15/2012*)

HPO (High Performance Organisation)Covering the full value chain in all regions



- HPO is fully on track with savings additional savings of ~ € 160 m in 2011
- Initiatives have been launched and rolled out in all relevant areas
- Contribution expected also in 2013 ff.
- Gross cost savings increased to € 620 m



Group, dividends

Proposed dividend increased by 13.6% to € 2.50





^{*} Comparable change: prior year figures including twelve months of BOC

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Mega-trends

Leveraging growth with our Gas & Engineering set-up



Growth Markets



Energy/Environment



Healthcare



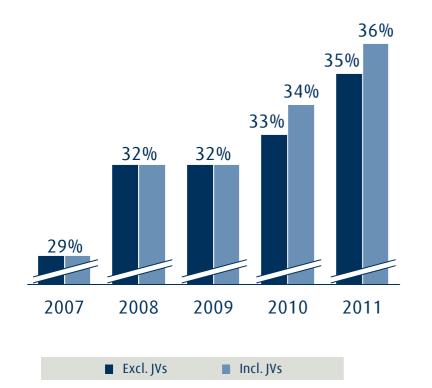
Leveraging Gases & Engineering business synergies

Mega-trend Growth Markets Strong investments in future growth



Growth Markets exposure further increased

Growth Market sales (% of Gases sales)



Majority of Capex 2011 invested in Growth Markets

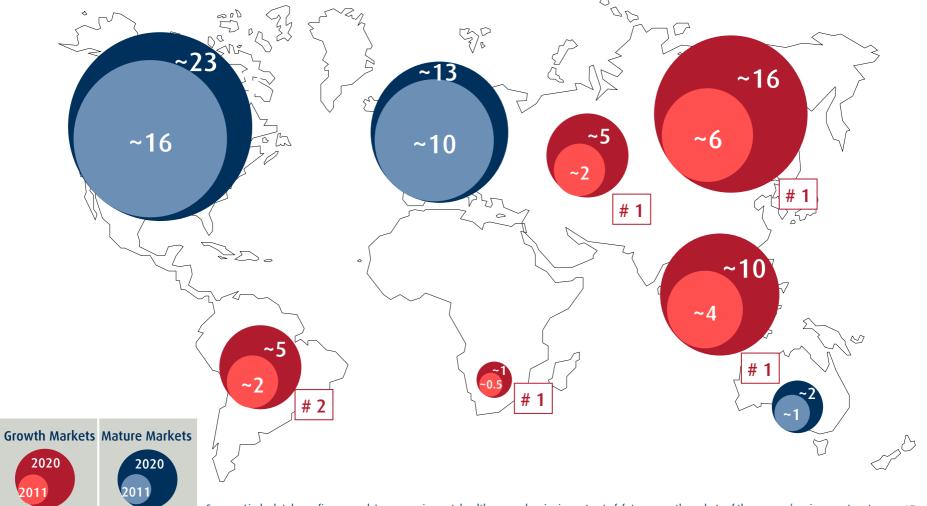
Gases Capex 2007 – 2011 in € bn



Mega-trend Growth Markets Industrial gases market 2011 vs. 2020 in € bn



Market leader in 4 out of 5 Growth Markets

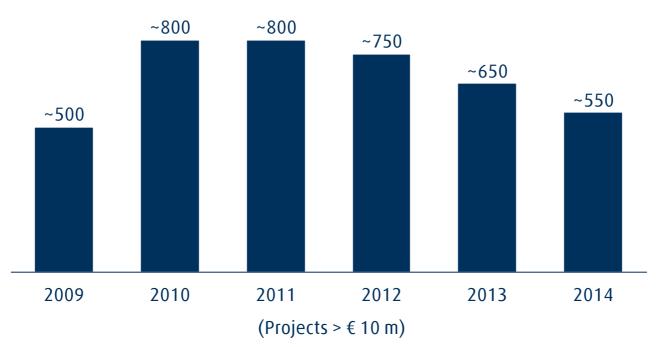


Gases Division, project pipelineGood basis for sustainable growth



- € 4.1 bn investments between 2009-2013 (thereof € 0.6 bn in JVs @ share)
- Project amount for 2012 and 2013 further increased by around € 200 m
- 2014 project amount already at around € 550 m
- Around 70% of total project-Capex allocated to Growth Markets
- Amount of project opportunities remains with € 4.3 bn on a high level

Project amount by on-stream date (incl. JVs) in € m



Mega-trend Growth Markets

Comprehensive strategy to capture growth potential in Asia





Major investment commitments in 2011

Construction of ASU in Map Ta Phut, Thailand (largest ASU)

- Investment ~ € 78 m, on-stream date 2013*

Signed contract with PT Krakatau POSCO, Indonesia (largest ASU)

- Investment ~€ 80 m, on-stream date 2013*

Second ASU in Giheung, Korea

- Investment ~€ 120 m for Samsung; largest investment in Korea

Chongqing, China (Q2/2011)

- On-site supply contracts with CCPHC and BASF
- Large scale HYCO plant: ~€ 200 m capex, on stream date end of 2014*

Yantai, China (Q3/2011)

- On-site supply contract with Wanhua Polyurethanes Co., Ltd.
- Two large scale ASUs: ~€ 130 m capex, on stream date 2013/2014*

Wu'an, China (Q4/2011)

- On-site supply contract with Hebei Puyang Iron and Steel Ltd.
- Decaptivation of 7 ASUs with energy efficiency upgrade and construction of a new ASU: ~ € 120 m capex, on stream date 2014*

Jilin, China (Q4/2011)

- On-site supply contract with Evonik Industries and Jilshen
- Hydrogen plant (SMR): ~€ 42 m capex, on stream date 2013/2014*

Dalian, China (Q1/2012):

- On-site supply contract with chemical producer Dahua Group
- Decaptivation of 2 ASUs: investment ~ € 70 m, on stream date 2014*

* to be expected 1

Mega-trend Energy/Environment



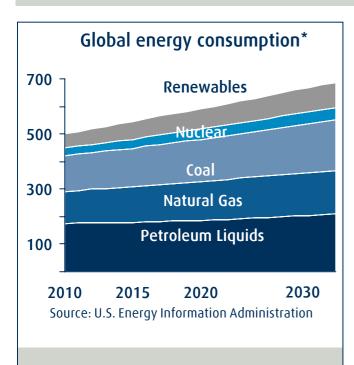


| Engineering Division | | Gases Division | | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | Mega-projects | | | | | | |
| | Proven te | chnology and project execution | | | | | | |
| | Proven lor | ng-term operations track record | | | | | | |
| | | Technology Know-How | | | | | | |
| Energy: | LNG (Mer | chant/Floating), EOR/EGR, Coal-to-X, Gas-to-X, Bio-to-X, Geothermal | | | | | | |
| Environmen | Environment: OxyFuel, Post-combustion CO2-capture and handling, H2-fueling | | | | | | | |
| Efficiency & | Efficiency & Applications: Higher energy efficiency of plants, REBOX® oxy-fuel, WASTOX® | | | | | | | |
| | Long-term Customer Relations | | | | | | | |
| | Competitive Products and Services | | | | | | | |
| f | t Sales or customer | Commodity Customers with focus on price/energy efficiency (TCO) and reliability | | | | | | |

Mega-trend Energy/Environment

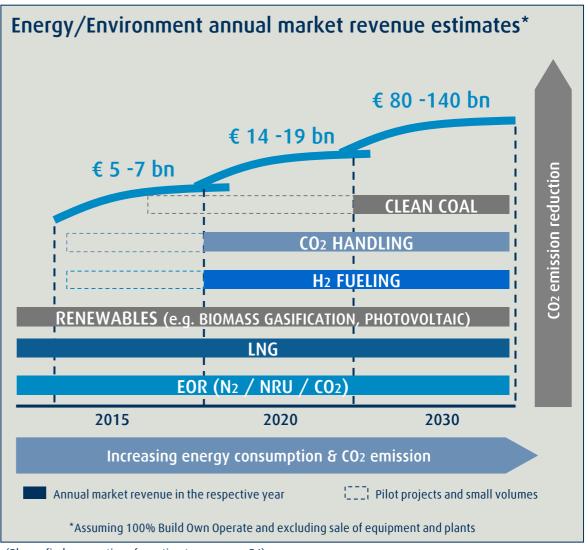
Importance of new technologies & industrial gases applications





- Fossil resources remain dominant energy source
- Fossil resources becoming scarce
- CO₂-emissions steadily increasing
- Importance of renewable energy increasing but still limited reach

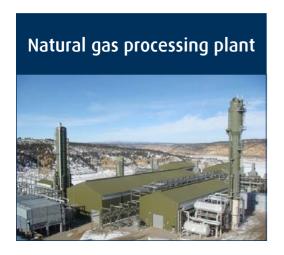
* in quadrillion British Thermal Units (equals around 10²⁷ Joules)

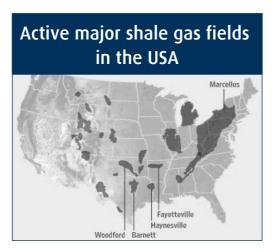


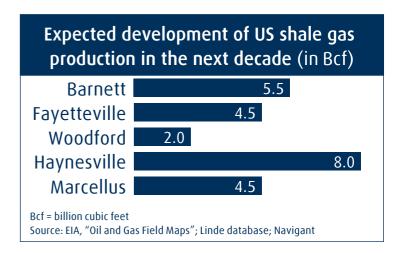
(Please find assumptions for estimates on page 54)

Mega-trend Energy/Environment Opportunities in shale gas business: Example US









Engineering

- Total order intake since 2010 > € 400 m
- Opportunities within the field of shale gas:
 - Natural gas processing plants: driven by the necessity of gas treatment for pipeline and bulk use
 - Small-mid-scale LNG plants: driven by increasing demand for merchant LNG
 - Ethane cracker: feasible for gas fields without petrochemical clusters

Gases

- Potential leverage of our operation experience into the area of shale gas
- Based on shale gas new chemical clusters develop with the need for industrial gases supply

Mega-trend HealthcareMarket environment and drivers



Market environment

Increasing and ageing population

Increasing wealth in Growth Markets

Healthcare budget pressure and regulation

Drivers of development

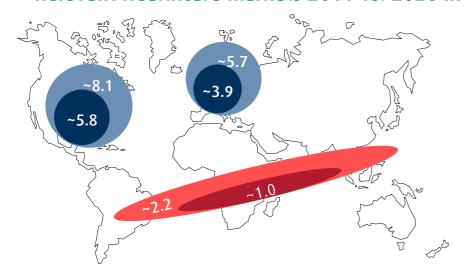
New and innovative pharmaceutical gases and services

Quality and optimum care for patients

Value creation by cost-effective and reliable products and services

Regional expansion

Relevant Healthcare markets 2011 vs. 2020 in € bn







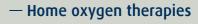
Source: Linde database, figures incl. gas therapies and intermediate care

Mega-trend HealthcareFrom medical gas provider to solutions & service provider



Development of new therapies and applications







- Ventilation services
- Sleep therapies
- Other service

Intermediate Care



- Patient centered care
- REMEO: treatment and care of chronic patients with mechanical ventilation needs

Gas Therapies



- Pulmonary hypertension & cardio-thoracic surgery
- Oxygen & Heliox therapies
- Pain relief

Hospital Care

— Bulk supply and technical assistance



- Logistics and installation
- Customer Service
- Hospital & medical gas services

Integrated service provider

Mega-trend Healthcare

Homecare: growth through innovation and regional expansion



Linde Homecare sales
by operating segments 2011

EMEA AMERICAS

78%

18%

4%

ASIA/
PACIFIC

Home Oxygen Therapy



Chronic respiratory diseases, patients need oxygen (COPD, Asthma)

Products: LOX, GOX and Concentrators

Sleep Therapy



Obstructive Sleep Apnea, patients need positive air pressure during sleep

Products: Positive Airway Pressure Devices, Masks

Ventilation Services



Advanced respiratory diseases
patients need mechanical
ventilation support

Products: Mechanical Ventilators, Equipment

Synergies: sales & marketing, logistics, integrated patient management, care center, adherence programme, technology development

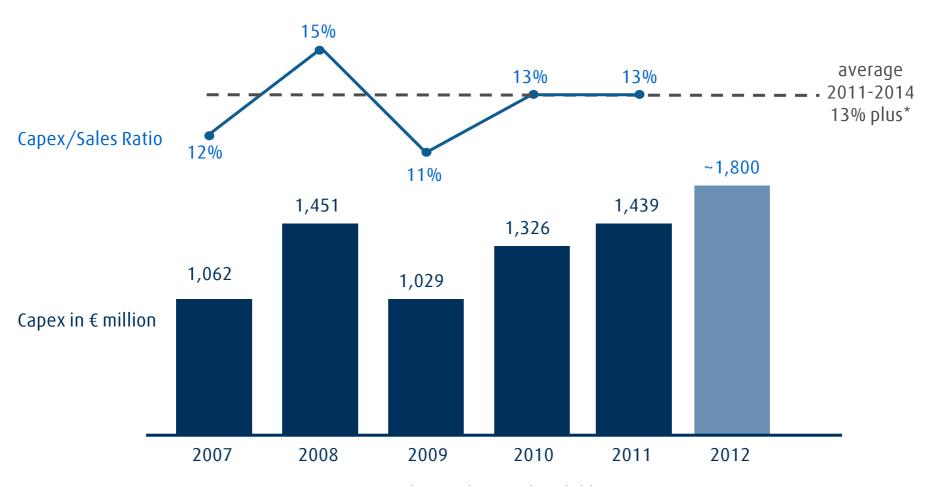
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Gases, CapexDevelopment Capex Sales Ratio 2007 - 2011





Data 2007-2011 @ actual average fx rates at the end of the respective year

^{*} plus: additional potential for mega-projects

Outlook - confirmed Profitable Growth.



| 2012 | Group | — Growth in sales and operating profit vs. 2011 — Confirmation of HPO-programme: € 650-800 m of gross cost savings in 2009-2012 |
|------|-------------|--|
| | Gases | — Sales increase vs. 2011 — Continuous improvement of productivity |
| | Engineering | — Sales at the same level as in 2011 — Operating margin of at least 10% |
| 2014 | Group | Operating profit of at least € 4 bn Adjusted* ROCE of 14% or above |
| | Gases | Average capex/sales ratio 13% plus Revenue increase above market growth Further increase in productivity |

*please see definitions on page 57

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Group, Q1 2012 Key P&L items



| in € million | Q1/2011 | Q1/2012 | Δin % |
|--|---------|---------|--------|
| Sales | 3,325 | 3,505 | 5.4 |
| Operating Profit | 761* | 808 | 6.2 |
| Margin | 22.9% | 23.1% | +20 bp |
| EBIT before PPA depreciation | 507 | 537 | 5.9 |
| PPA depreciation | -61 | -61 | 0.0 |
| EBIT | 446 | 476 | 6.7 |
| Financial Results | -49** | -92 | -87.8 |
| Taxes | -94 | -76 | -19.1 |
| Net income | 303 | 308 | 1.7 |
| Net income – Part of shareholders Linde AG | 284 | 287 | 1.1 |
| EPS in € | 1.67 | 1.68 | 0.6 |
| Adjusted EPS in € | 1.88 | 1.89 | 0.7 |

*Including € 16m one-time effect from changes to the UK pension plan **Includes positive one-time effect of € 30m (repayment of BOC Edwards vendor loan)

Group, FY 2011Key P&L items



| in € million | 2010 | 2011 | Δin % |
|--|--------|--------|--------|
| Sales | 12,868 | 13,787 | 7.1 |
| Operating Profit | 2,925 | 3,210 | 9.7 |
| Margin | 22.7% | 23.3% | +60 bp |
| EBIT before PPA depreciation | 1,933 | 2,152 | 11.3 |
| PPA depreciation | -254 | -242 | -5.0 |
| EBIT | 1,679 | 1,910 | 13.8 |
| Financial Results | -280 | -291 | 3.9 |
| Taxes | -335 | -375 | 11.9 |
| Net income | 1,064 | 1,244 | 16.9 |
| Net income – Part of shareholders Linde AG | 1,005 | 1,174 | 16.8 |
| EPS in € | 5.94 | 6.88 | 15.8 |
| Adjusted EPS in € | 6.89 | 7.71 | 11.9 |

Gases Division, operating segmentsHistorical data 2011



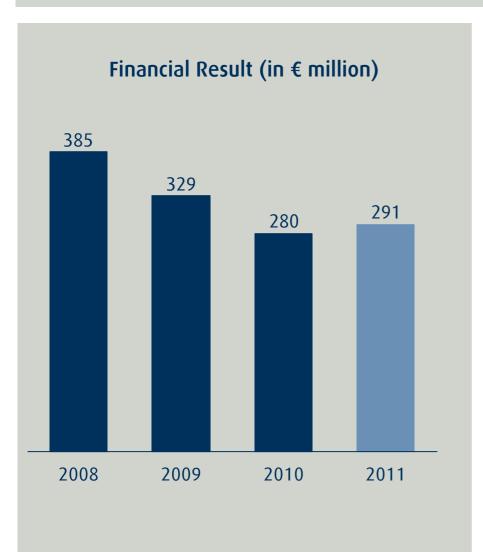
| EMEA (€ m) | Q1 2011 | Q2 2011 | Q3 2011 | Q4 2011 | FY 2011 |
|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Sales | 1,393 | 1,431 | 1,434 | 1,414 | 5,672 |
| Operating profit* | 395 | 412 | 408 | 419 | 1,634 |
| Operating margin | 28.4% | 28.8% | 28.5% | 29.6% | 28.8% |
| Asia/Pacific (€ m) | Q1 2011 | Q2 2011 | Q3 2011 | Q4 2011 | FY 2011 |
| Sales | 707 | 766 | 810 | 793 | 3,076 |
| Operating profit* | 196 | 210 | 228 | 238 | 872 |
| Operating margin | 27.7% | 27.4% | 28.1% | 30.0% | 28.3% |
| Americas (€ m) | Q1 2011 | Q2 2011 | Q3 2011 | Q4 2011 | FY 2011 |
| Sales | 580 | 593 | 605 | 606 | 2,384 |
| Operating profit* | 136 | 134 | 135 | 130 | 535 |
| Operating margin | 23.4% | 22.6% | 22.3% | 21.5% | 22.4% |

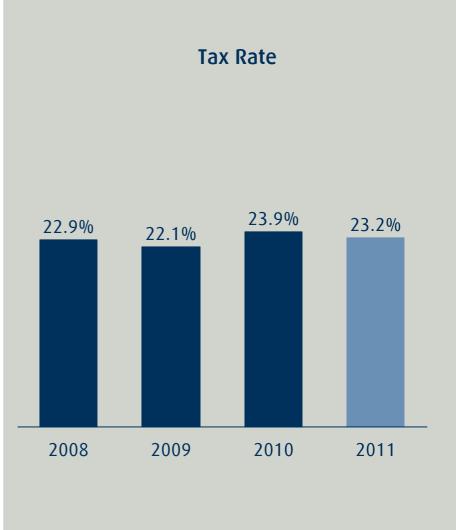
 $^{^{\}star}$ EBITDA before non-recurring items, including share of net income from associates and joint ventures

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Financial Result and Tax Rate







Group, Q1 2012Cash Flow Statement



| in € million | Q1/2011 | Q1/2012 |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Operating profit | 761 | 808 |
| Change in Working Capital | -180 | -318 |
| Other changes | -141 | -105 |
| Operating Cash Flow | 440* | 385** |
| Investments in tangibles/intangibles | -237 | -321 |
| Acquisitions/Financial investments | -13 | -3 |
| Other | 43 | 43 |
| Investment Cash Flow | -207 | -281 |
| Free Cash Flow before Financing | 233 | 104 |
| Interests and swaps | -45 | -68 |
| Dividends and other changes | -2 | -33 |
| Net debt increase (+)/decrease (-) | -186 | -3 |

^{*} Includes positive one-off effect of € 59 m (repayment of BOC Edwards vendor loan) **A lower level of advance payments received from customers had an adverse impact

Group, FY 2011Cash Flow Statement



| in € million | Q1 11 | Q2 11 | Q3 11* | Q4 11* | 2011* | 2010 |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Operating profit | 761 | 798 | 804 | 847 | 3,210 | 2,925 |
| Change in Working Capital | -180 | 6 | 60 | 39 | -75 | 84 |
| Other changes | -141 | -267 | -142 | -159 | -709 | -587 |
| Operating Cash Flow | 440 | 537 | 722 | 727 | 2,426 | 2,422 |
| Investments in tangibles/intangibles | -237 | -310 | -346 | -452 | -1,345 | -1,192 |
| Acquisitions/Financial investments | -13 | -1 | -41 | -23 | -78 | -68 |
| Other | 43 | 33 | 40 | 53 | 169 | 195 |
| Investment Cash Flow | -207 | -278 | -347 | -422 | -1,254 | -1,065 |
| Free Cash Flow before Financing | 233 | 259 | 375 | 305 | 1,172 | 1,357 |
| Interests and swaps | -45 | -114 | -123 | -56 | -338 | -298 |
| Dividends and other changes | -2 | -385 | -7 | -11 | -405 | -280 |
| Net debt increase (+)/decrease (-) | -186 | 240 | -245 | -238 | -429 | -779 |

^{*} excluding investments in securities of € 600 m in Q3 and € 1,052 m in Q4

Group, solid financial positionEarly refinancing of existing financial debt

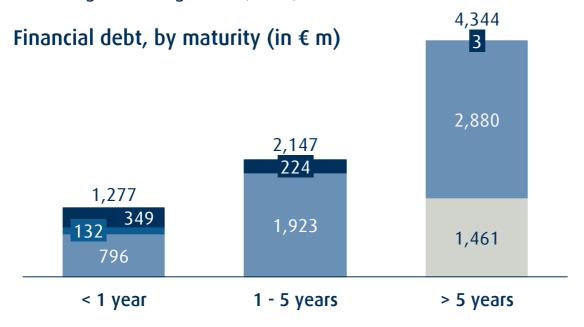


Continuous efforts to extend the Group's maturity profile

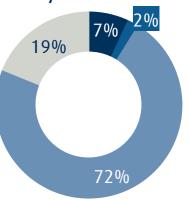
- ~€ 360 m partial bond buyback and issuance of € 600 m notes due in 2021
- Issuance of € 750 m senior notes due in 2018
- More than 80% of total financial debt is due beyond 2012
- Approx. 56% of total financial debt has a longer maturity than 5 years

Balanced mix of various financing instruments

- Strong focus on long-term bond financing
- Strategic funding in EUR, GBP, USD and AUD



Financial debt, by instrument



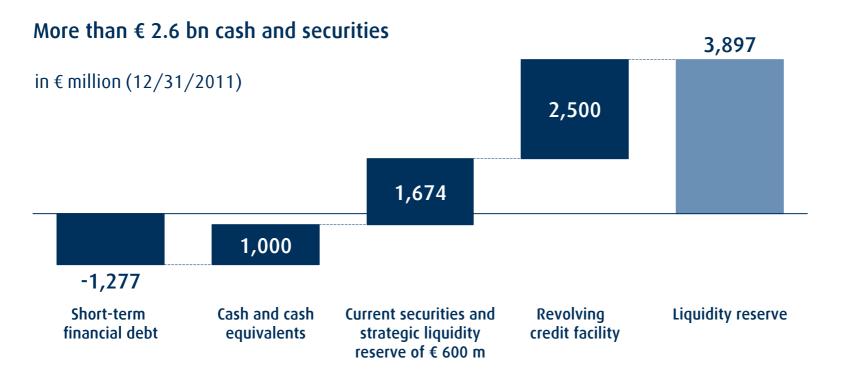
- Other Bonds
- Subordinated Bonds (*callable in 2013/2016)
- Commercial Paper
- Bank Loans

Group, solid financial positionLiquidity reserve again further strengthened



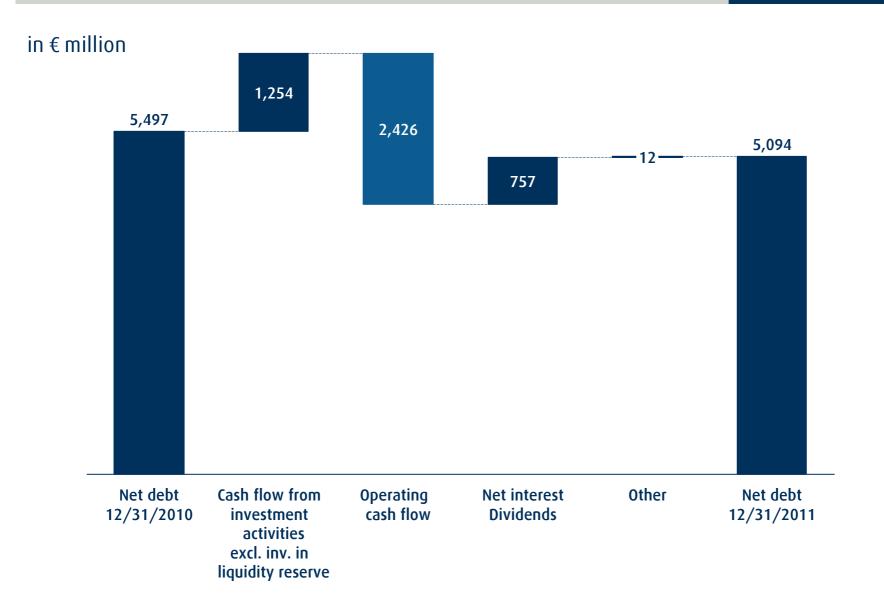
€ 2.5 bn committed revolving credit facility

- Arranged in May 2010 with 25 national and international banks
- Maturing in 2015
- No financial covenants
- Fully undrawn



Group, solid financial positionNet debt reduction of € 403 million





Group, Pensions

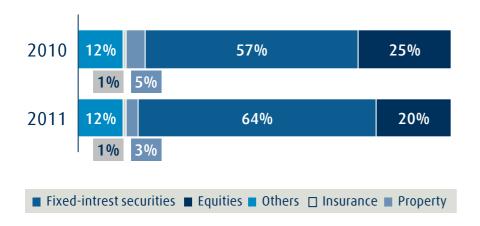
Performance and key figures 2011



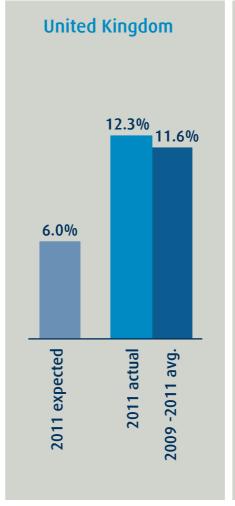
Net obligation

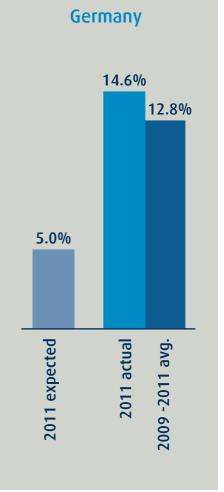
| in € million | DBO | Plan asset | Net obligation |
|------------------------|-------|---------------|-------------------|
| 01/01/2011 | 4,971 | 4,467 | 504 |
| Service costs | 88 | | 88 |
| Net financing | 253 | 254 | -1 |
| Actuarial losses/gains | 335 | 153 | 182 |
| Contributions/payments | -213 | -13 | -200 |
| Other | -33 | -19 | -14 |
| 12/31/2011 | 5,401 | 4,842 | 559 |

Pension plan assets portfolio structure



Performance of major pension plans

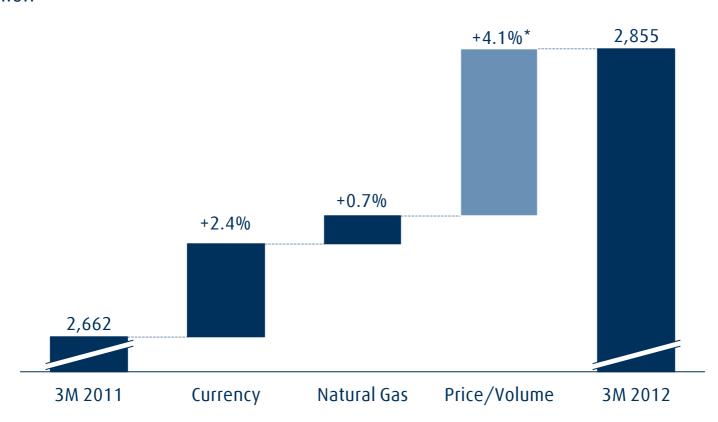




Gases Division, sales bridge Q1 2012 sales increased by 4.1% on comparable basis



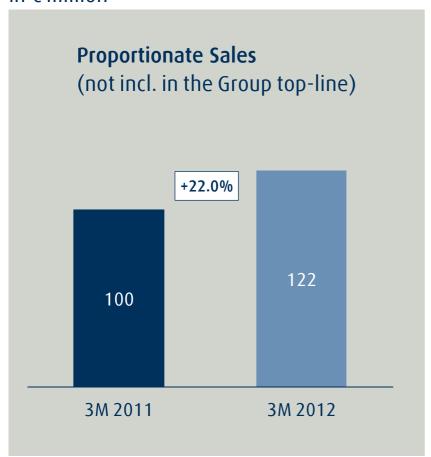
in € million



Gases DivisionJoint ventures



in € million



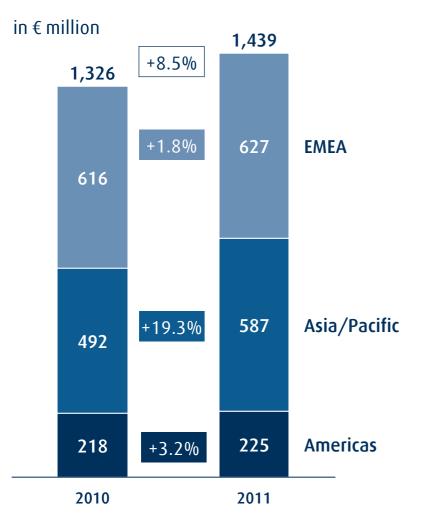


Gases Division, Split of Capex

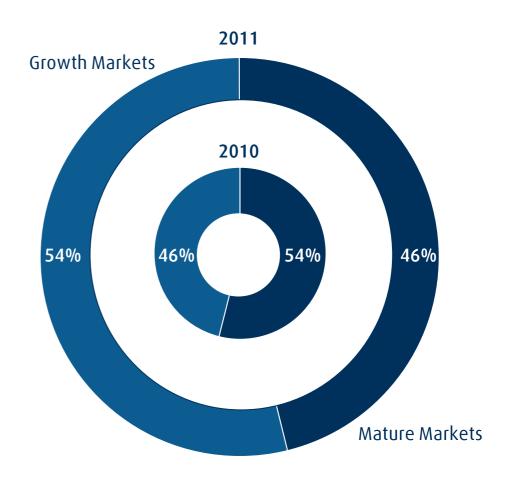
Growth Markets Capex increased to above 50 percent



Split Capex by operating segments

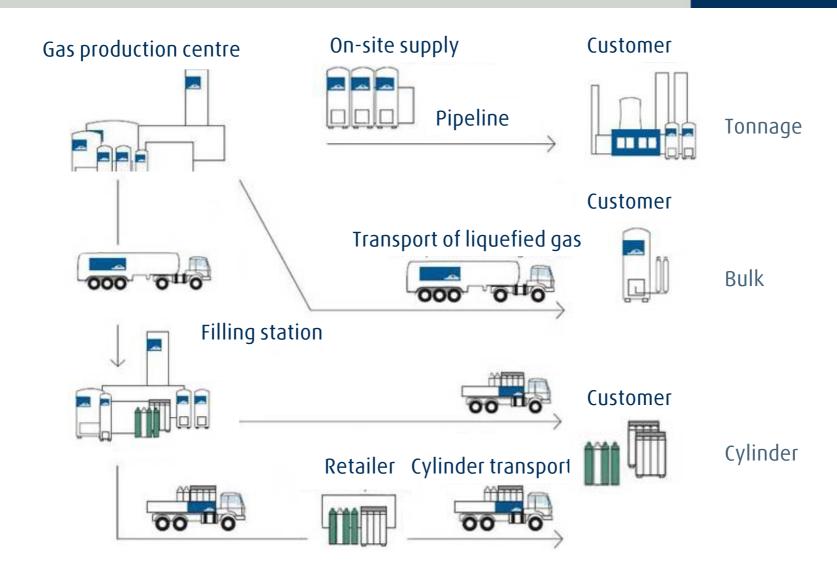


Split Capex by markets



Gases DivisionFrom source to customer





Gases Division

Various distribution mix served from one product source





- 15-year take-or-pay contracts (incl. base facility fees)
- Add. growth in JVs & Embedded Finance Lease projects



- Multi-year contracts
- Application-driven





- Hospital care & Homecare
- Bulk & cylinder gases
- Structural growth



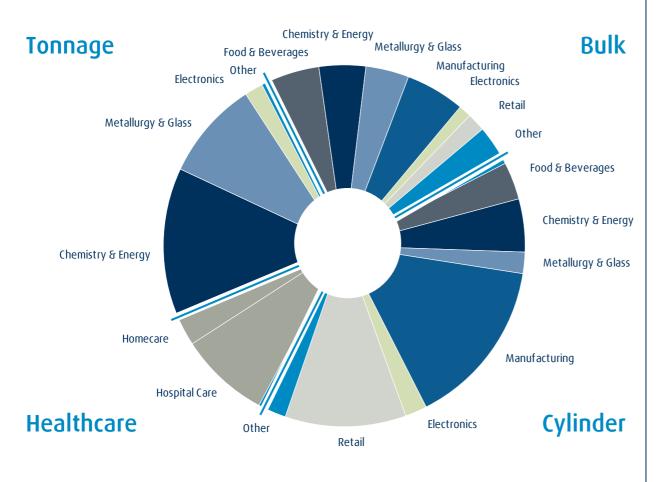
- High customer loyalty
- Includes specialty gases
- Cylinder rentals

Gases Division

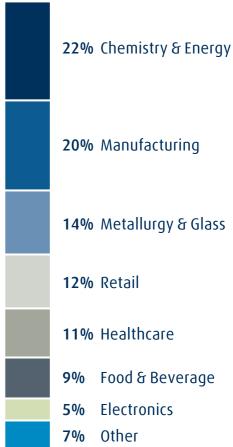
Stability driven by a broad customer base



2011: Split of product areas by major end-customer groups



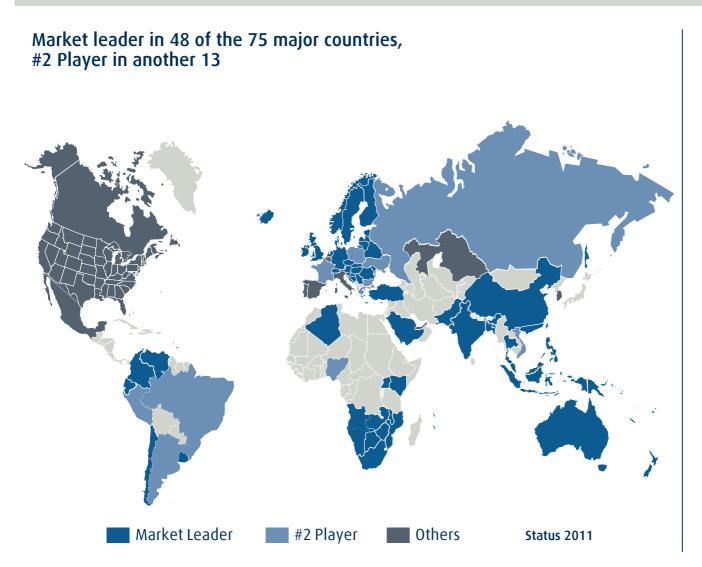
2011: Split of sales by major end-customer groups



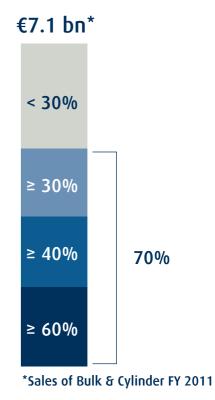
Gases Division, local business model







Sales split by market share Bulk & Cylinder



Linde Engineering with leading market position in all segments







Worldwide #1

Hydrogen & Synthesis Gas Plants



Worldwide #2

Petrochemical Plants



Worldwide #2

Natural Gas Plants



Leading niche supplier

Production of plants for Linde Gas and 3rd party customers

Providing chemistry and energy related solutions to 3rd party customers



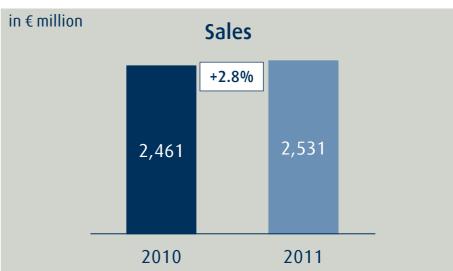
- LE Locations
- Project companies, rep. and sales offices

Supporting the energy/environmental mega-trend and leveraging customer relations for gas projects

Engineering Division, key figuresOrder intake up by 3.5%





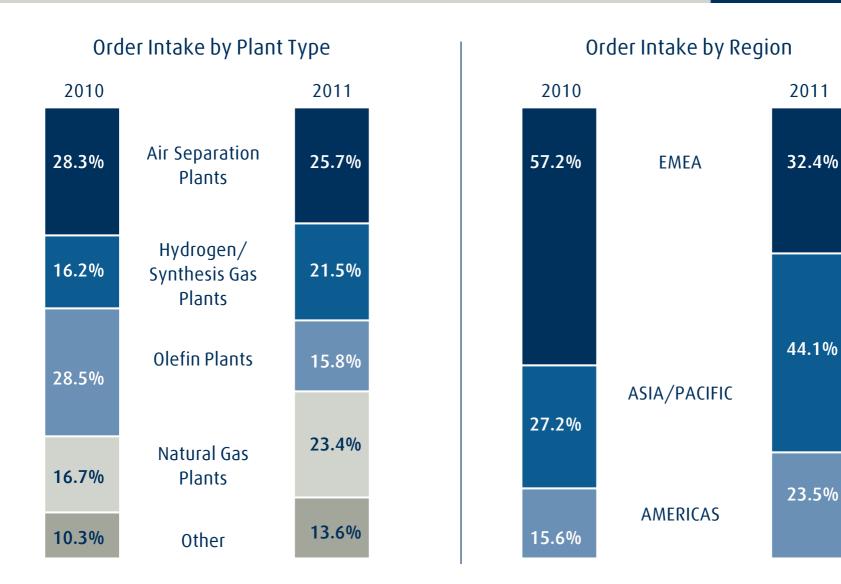






Engineering DivisionFY 2011 order intake by plant type and region

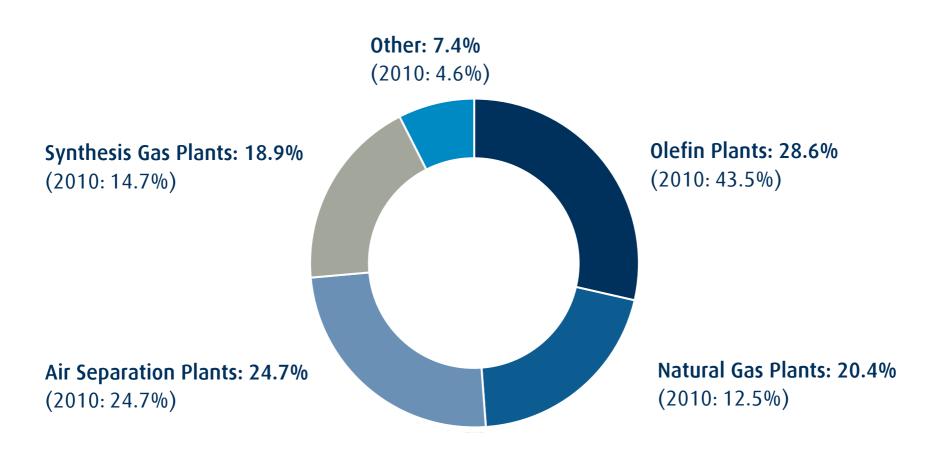




Engineering DivisionSolid and diversified order backlog

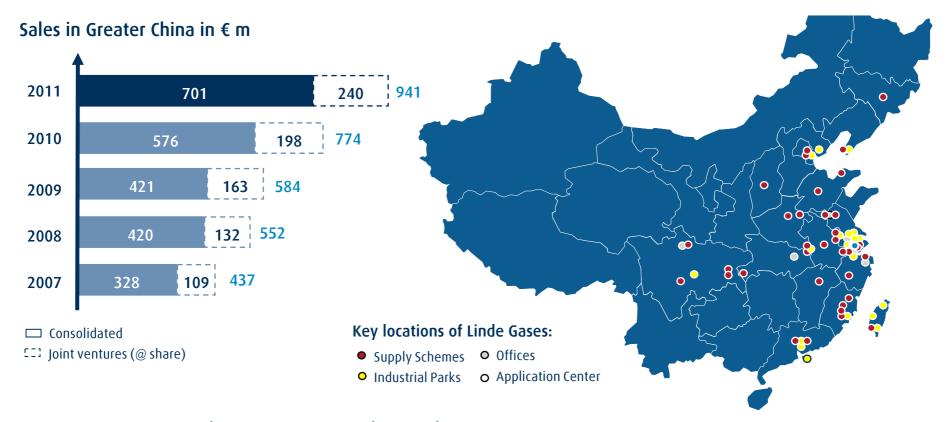


Order backlog by plant type (31/12/2011)



Mega-trend Growth Markets Leading player in Greater China





- First international gases company in China in the 1980s
- Around 4,000 employees / around 50 wholly-owned companies and JVs / around 150 operational plants
- Serving pillar industries chemical, oil & petrochemicals, metallurgy, manufacturing, electronics
- Industry-leading remote operations center, nation wide monitoring capabilities based in Shanghai

Growing with leading companies in key industries A diverse customer portfolio to match an integrated business



Oil/Petrochemicals



扬子石化-巴斯夫有限责任公司 **BASF-YPC Company Limited**







Chemicals











Metallurgy







BAOSTEEL







Electronics

























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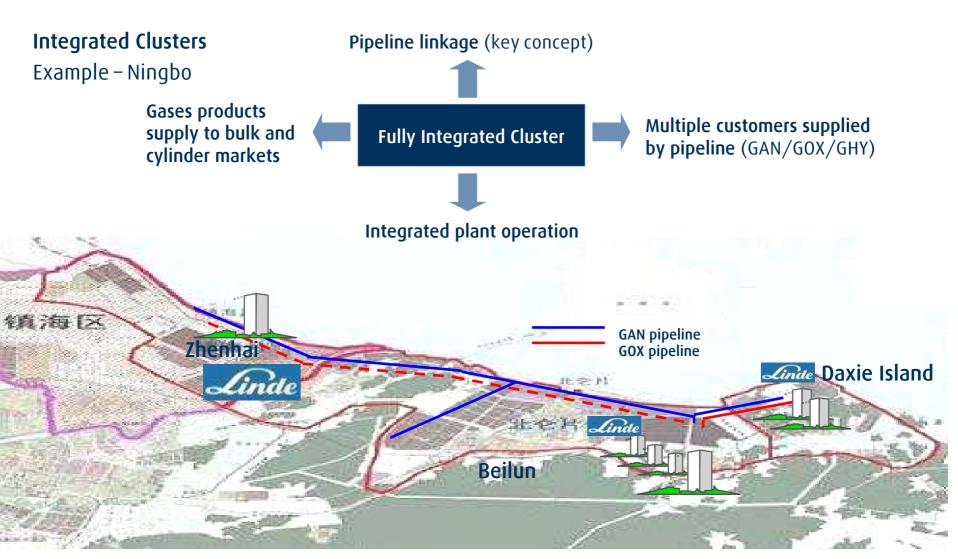






Gases Division in China Integrated offer in selected industrial poles





Clean Energy market estimation 2020 & 2030 top down



| Market size in € bn | 2015 | 2020 | 2030 | Assumptions for 2030 |
|--------------------------|-------|---------|---------|--|
| Clean Coal | | | 20 - 40 | - Triple-digit number of 1 GW Carbon Capture (1.5 Gt/a CO ₂ at EUR25-40/t) |
| CO ₂ networks | small | 1 | 15 - 25 | Installation of significant pipeline network and corresponding compression (1.5 Gt/a handling fee CO₂ at EUR 10-15/t) |
| H ₂ fueling | small | 1 | 10 - 15 | Installation of a significant fuel station infrastructure Corresponding annual H₂ consumption of some bn tons p.a. |
| EOR/EGR* | 1.5 | 4 - 5 | 18 - 35 | Single to double digit number of large N₂ EOR/NRU projects Double digit number of large CO₂ EOR projects including industrial CO₂ capture and pipeline (overlapping w/CCS) |
| LNG | 3 - 4 | 6 - 10 | 11 - 23 | Based on penetration rate of LNG replacing existing fuels Merchant LNG projects based on geographical set up and existing infrastructure Floating LNG projects |
| Renewables | 1 | 2 | 3 | Includes mainly gases used for manufacturing of photovoltaic cells |
| Range | 5 - 7 | 14 - 19 | 18-140 | * Assuming 100% Build Own Operate and excluding sale of equipment and plants. |

General assumptions:

- Market numbers are directional only and w/o inflation or currency
- Oil price development at 80-100 USD/bll
- Outsourced gases market only (excl. captive market or equipment sales)

Mega-trend Energy/Environment Current and future growth markets for Gases & Engineering



Better use of fossil resources: Renewable energy: Clean energy: Existing growth markets Developing growth markets Future growth markets Signed Gases contracts for Statoil plant, Hammerfest, Photo-Vattenfall Pilot Project, Liquified Natural **OxyFuel** voltaic 6 GWp of nominal capacity Gas (LNG) Floating LNG Schwarze Pumpe, Germany Waste Management JV **RWE/BASF Pilot Project,** Post-comb. Pearl GTL project, Gas-To-Liquid Bio to Liquids plant started up in 2009 Niederaussem, Germany CO₂ capture **Qatar Shell GTL LTd** (GTL) Recycling CO₂ (OCAP, NId) Choren/Sun Fuel Pilot Biomass-RECTISOL® CO2 wash, used CO₂ handling CO₂ scrubbing CO₂SINK, Ketzin, Germany Conversion Project, Germany at Hammerfest LNG plant Statoil LNG plant, Norway **Turbines for geothermal** ASUs and Rectisol for coal Geothermal Coal-to-Gas project in France gasifications in China H₂ Mobility Initiative launched Automotive Tonnage contract with Coal Hydrogen with key industrial partners liquefaction Bayer/SCCC¹ in China **Enhanced Oil&** Pemex Cantarell project, Mexico Gas Recovery Adnoc Joint Venture, Abu Dhabi Tonnage contracts with Shell, Refinery EMAP, Chevron, CITGO,... Hydrogen

Higher efficiency in energy use: Sustained growth in traditional end markets REBOX® oxy-fuel (steel), WASTOX® (aluminium), Oxygen burner (glass), Water Treatment, ...

¹ Shanghai Cooking & Chemical Corporation

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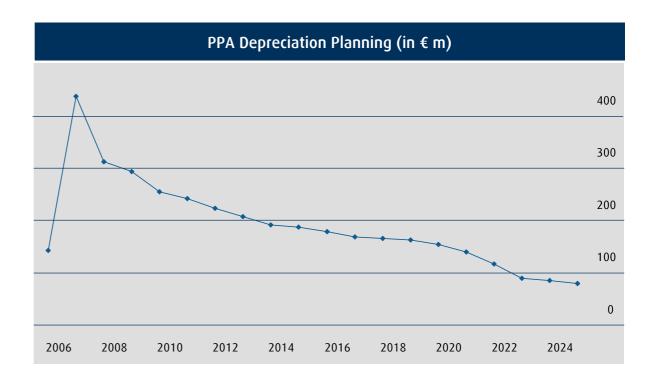
PPA – Expected Depreciation & Amortisation



- Development of depreciation and amortisation
- Impact in Q1 2012: € 61 million

Expected range in € m

| 2012 | 210 – 225 |
|------|-----------|
| 2013 | 190 - 210 |
| | |
| 2022 | < 125 |



Group, Definition of financial key figures



| Operating Profit | Return | EBITDA (incl. IFRIC 4 adjustment) excl. finance costs for pensions excl. special items incl. share of net income from associates and joint ventures |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| adjusted ROCE | Return | Operating profit - depreciation / amortisation excl. depreciation/amortization from purchase price allocation |
| | Average Capital Employed | equity (incl. minorities) + financial debt + liabilities from financial leases + net pension obligations - cash, cash equivalents and securities - receivables from financial leases |
| adjusted EPS | Return | earnings after tax and minority interests + depreciation/amortization from purchase price allocation +/- special items |
| | Shares | average outstanding shares |

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