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## Performance 9M 2014 Highlights



[€]		9M 2013	9M 2014	yoy [%]	yoy [%] fx adj.
Revenue	[m]	12,468	12,584	+ 0.9%	+ 4.8%
Operating Profit	[m]	2,996	2,898	- 3.3%	+ 0.4%
Operating Margin	[%]	24.0	23.0	- 100 bp	
Operating Cash Flow*	[m]	2,158	2,188	+1.4%	
EPS before non-recurring items		5.38	5.31	-1.3%	
EPS reported		5.38	4.41	-18.0%	

- Acceleration of underlying growth in Gases in Q3
- Strong rebound of operating cash flow in Q3
- EPS before non-recurring items up in Q3 2014 by 7.1% versus Q3 2013
- Reported EPS impacted by impairment losses on plants and customer relationships

<sup>\*</sup>before pension funding

# Group | Revenue and operating profit by division Higher Engineering share in the mix affected Group margin



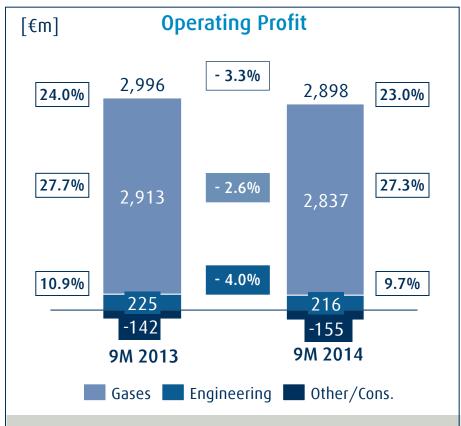




Currency headwinds still negative but started to recede in Q3

### **Engineering**

Solid revenue growth continued



#### Gases

Margin remained on a high level

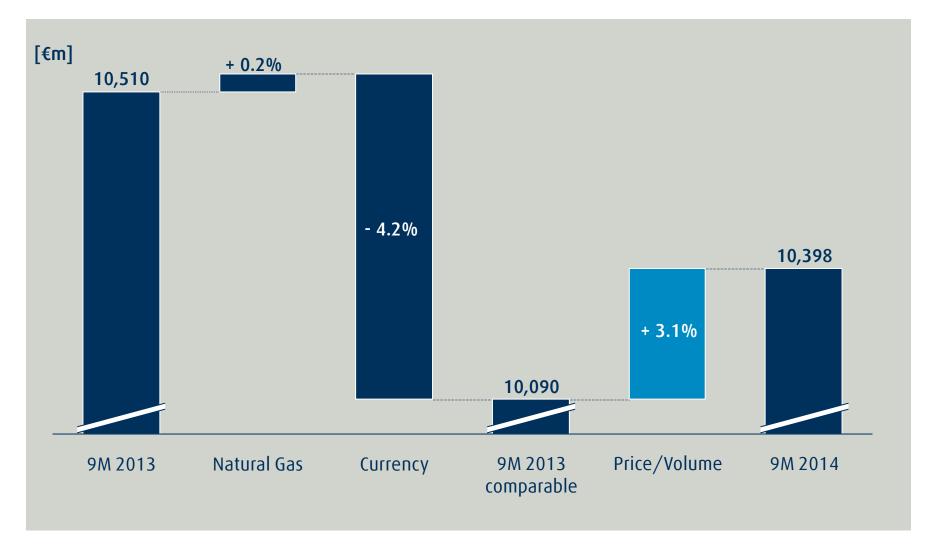
### **Engineering**

Margin above industry level

## Gases Division | 9M Revenue bridge

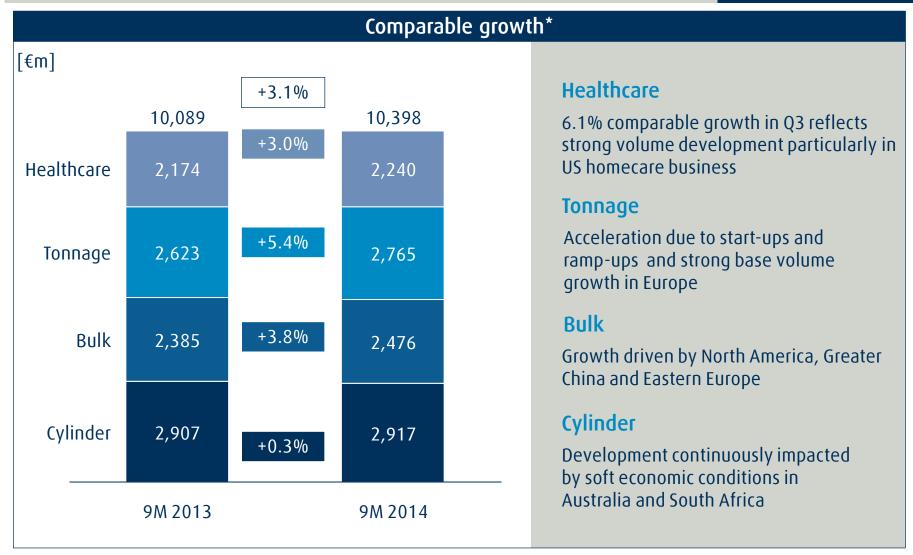






# Gases Division | Revenue by product areas Acceleration of growth in Q3 despite weaker August

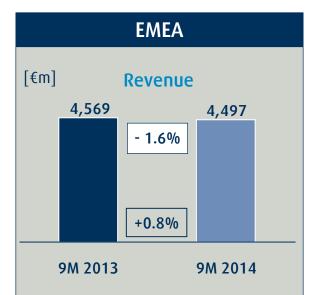




<sup>\*</sup>excluding currency and natural gas price effect

# Gases Division | Revenue by reporting segment Comparable growth in all regions





- Positive contribution from UK,
   Middle East & Eastern Europe
   supported by Tonnage growth
- Slow merchant development but solid growth in Cylinder in September



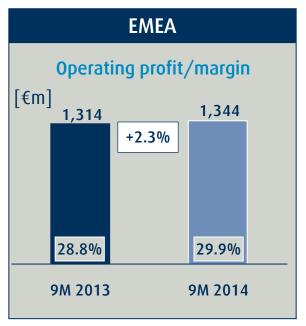
- Double-digit growth in Greater China
- Growth supported by start-ups and ramp-ups in Tonnage
- South Pacific restrained by development in Australian Cylinder business



- Continued strong volume growth in Healthcare
- Positive development in Bulk in North America
- Growth restrained by soft development in some South American countries

# Gases Division | Operating profit by reporting segment Impacted by currency headwinds







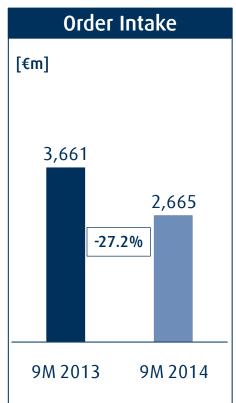


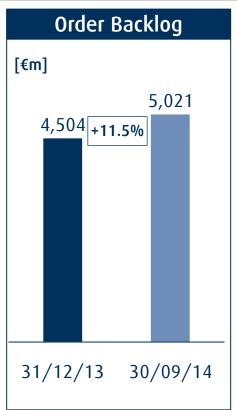
### Margin development

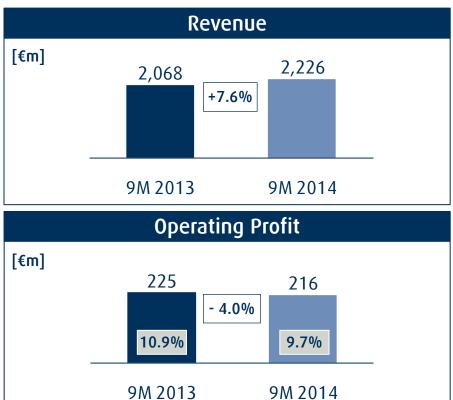
- Margin development in EMEA supported by higher contributions from UK and Middle East
- Relatively stable margin in Asia/Pacific despite weaker South Pacific
- Americas margin dilution by higher natural gas prices and weaker development in South America

# **Engineering Division | Key figures**High order backlog further increased









- Strong order intake in Q3 of € 1.6bn
- Revenue development and margin in line with outlook
- More than 85% of order intake from Europe and North America with around 50 % of order intake for petrochemical plants

# **Group | Cash flow statement 9M**Strong rebound of operating cash-flow in Q3

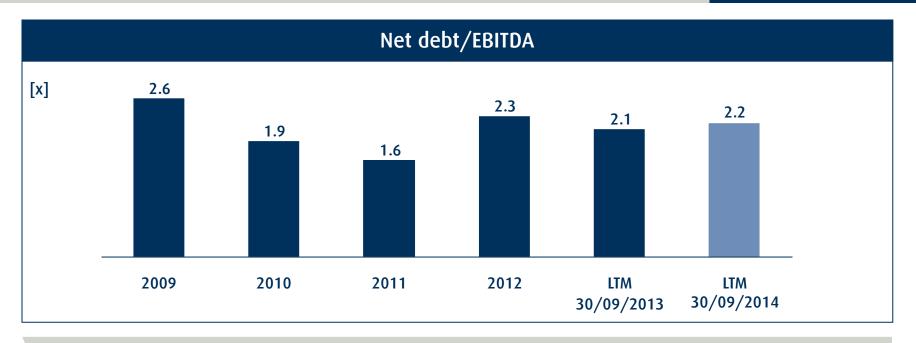


[€m]	Q3 2013	Q3 2014	9M 2013	9M 2014
Operating profit	1,030	1,002	2,996	2,898
Change in working capital	119	234	-168	-110
Other changes	-183	-70	-670	-600
Operating cash flow before pension funding	966	1,166	2,158	2,188
Investments in tangibles/intangibles	-525	-469	-1,525	-1,402
Acquisitions / Other (incl. financial investments)	-4	116	-44	196
Investment cash flow*	-529	-353	-1,569	-1,206
Free cash flow before financing*	437	813	589	982
Pension funding	-	-	-	-300
Interests and swaps, dividends	-133	-128	-860	-894
Other changes	2	-4	39	-16
Net debt increase (-)/decrease (+)	306	681	-232	-228

<sup>\*</sup>Excluding investments in/disposals of securities; Q3 2013: € 269m; Q3 2014: € -398m; 2014: € -551m; 2013: € +500m

# **Financial Performance | Solid financial position**Net debt reduced by € 515m in Q3 to € 8.7 bn

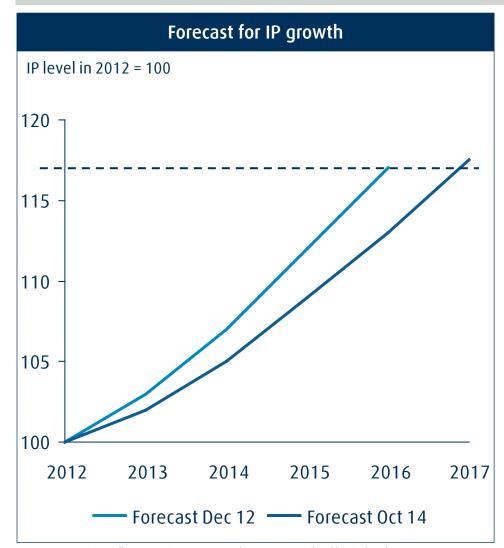




- Positive cash flow development supported net debt reduction
- Private placements of bonds in Q3 (total USD 400m) with international investors will be used to refinance an upcoming bond maturity
- Conservative financial debt's maturity profile:
   approx. 50% of non-current debt has a maturity longer than 5 years
- Rating:
  - S&P: Rating unchanged | A+/A-1 with stable outlook (12 Dec 2013)
  - Moody's: Rating upgrade | A2/P-1 with stable outlook (16 June 2014)

## Outlook | Headwinds since target setting in 2012 Challenged by sluggish IP growth and negative FX effects







Source: Economist Intelligence Unit, Dec 2012 and Oct 2014, weighted by Linde sales

## Outlook | Short-term

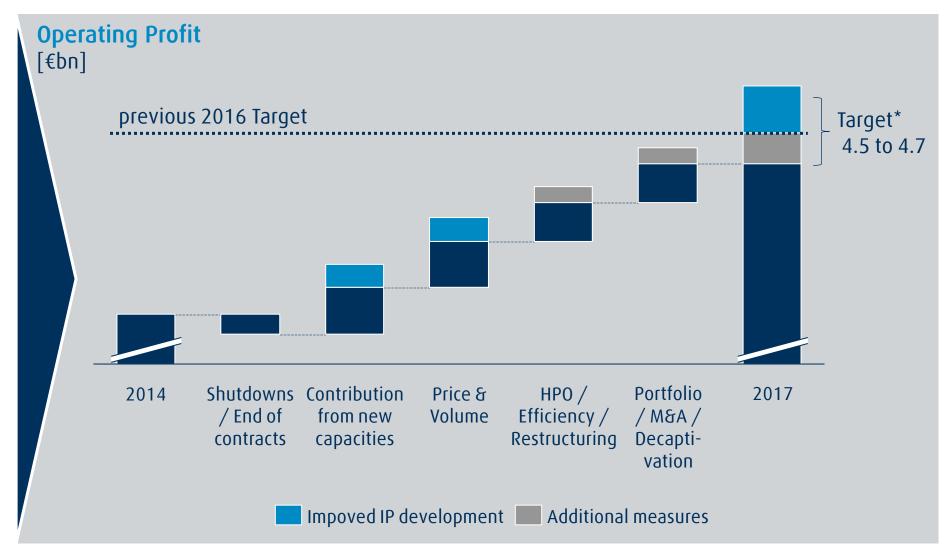


Short-term outlook		2014			
Group*	Revenue	Solid increase vs. 2013			
Group*	Operating Profit	At a similar level as 2013 adjusted for non-recurring items			
Gases* Division	Revenue	Moderate increase vs. 2013			
	Operating Profit	Slight increase vs. 2013 adjusted for non-recurring items			
Engineering	Revenue	Solid increase vs. 2013			
Division	Operating Margin	Operating margin of around 10%			

<sup>\*</sup> Based on current economic forecasts and after adjusting for exchange rate effects

# Outlook | Operating Profit Target 2017 | € 4.5 to 4.7 bn





 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  Based on current economic forecasts and exchange rates

## Outlook | Medium-term



Medium-term outlook*		2017
	Operating Profit	4.5 to 4.7 billion Euro
Group	ROCE reported	11% to 12%
	Efficiency	HPO 2013-2016   750-900 million Euro gross cost savings

<sup>\*</sup> Based on current economic forecasts and after adjusting for exchange rate effects

### 9M 2014

- Ongoing slow growth environment
- Comparable Linde Gases revenues growth accelerating to 3.7% in Q3
- Strong rebound of operating cash flow in Q3

### The way forward

- Strong focus on sustainable profitable growth
- Efficency improvement, portfolio optimisation and organisational adjustment

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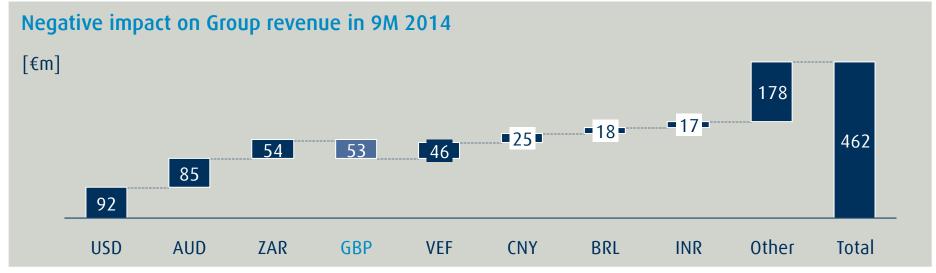
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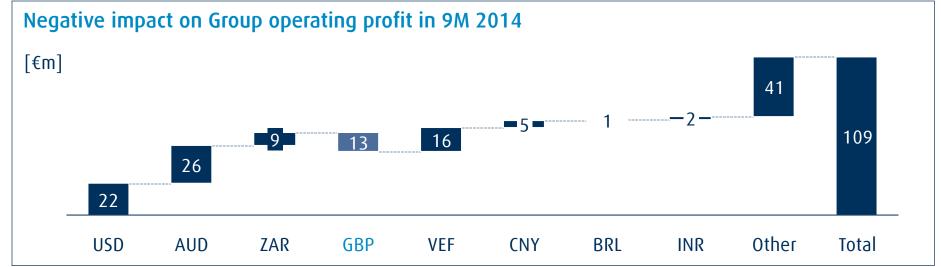


## Group | Currency impact

## Impact on revenue and operating profit in 9M 2014







## Group | 9M 2014 Key P&L items



[€m]	9M 2013	9M 2014	Δin %
Revenue	12,468	12,584	0.9
Operating profit <sup>1</sup>	2,996	2,898	-3.3
Operating margin	24.0	23.0	-100 bp
PPA depreciation for BOC	-170	-167	+1.8
Depreciation & amortisation (excl. PPA BOC)	-1,182	-1,331	-12.6
Non-recurring items <sup>2</sup>	-	229	-
EBIT	1,644	1,400	-14.8
EBIT (adjusted for non-recurring items) <sup>2</sup>	1,644	1,629	-0.9
Financial result	-288	-262	+9.0
Taxes	-278	-275	-1.1
Profit for the year – attributable to Linde AG shareholders	997	818	-18.0
EPS reported [€]	5,38	4.41	-18.0
EPS reported (adjusted for non-recurring items) <sup>2</sup>	5.38	5.31	-1.3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EBIT (before non-recurring items) adjusted for amortisation of intangible assests and depreciation of tangible assets.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Non-recurring items during the reporting period comprise of impairment losses on tangible and intangible assets of EUR 229m.

# **Gases Division | Quarterly data**Reporting segments



EMEA [€m]	Q1 2013	Q1 2014	Q2 2013	Q2 2014	Q3 2013	Q3 2014	Q4 2013
Revenue	1,497	1,467	1,549	1,511	1,523	1,519	1,521
Operating profit	430	429	446	460	438	455	445
Operating margin	28.7%	29.2%	28.8%	30.4%	28.8%	30.0	29.3%
Asia / Pacific [€m]	Q1 2013	Q1 2014	Q2 2013	Q2 2014	Q3 2013	Q3 2014	Q4 2013
Revenue	926	870	971	946	946	1,006	924
Operating profit	240	224	257	252	250	261	258
Operating margin	25.9%	25.7%	26.5%	26.6%	26.4%	25.9	27.9%
Americas [€m]	Q1 2013	Q1 2014	Q2 2013	Q2 2014	Q3 2013	Q3 2014	Q4 2013
Revenue	1,054	1,060	1,083	1,035	1,053	1,077	1,041
Operating profit	272	260	270	238	310	258	230
Operating margin	25.8%	24.5%	24.9%	23.0%	29.4%	24.0	22.1%

## Group | Definition of key financial figures



### **Operating Profit**

#### Return

EBIT before non-recurring items adjusted for amortisation of intangible assets and depreciation of tangible assets

## Return on Capital Employed (ROCE)

#### Return

EBIT before non-recurring items

## **Average Capital Employed**

Equity (incl. non-controlling interests)

- + financial debt
- + liabilities from finance leases
- + net pension obligations
- cash, cash equivalents and securities
- receivables from finance leases

# Earnings per Share (EPS) before non-recurring items

#### Return

Profit for the period before non-recurring items attributable to Linde AG shareholders

### Shares

Number of weighted average outstanding shares

### Earnings per Share (EPS)

#### Return

Profit for the period attributable to Linde AG shareholders

### Shares

Number of weighted average outstanding shares

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#### Financial calendar

Full year report 2014: 13 March 2015 Report Q1 2015: 30 April 2015 AGM 2015: 12 May 2015 Dividend payment: 13 May 2015

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