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Ongoing growth momentum drives group sales up 14.9% to € 3,325 m Group operating profit grows over-proportionately by 18.7% to € 761 m Strong EPS increase with reported EPS up 42.7% to € 1.67 and adjusted EPS of € 1.88 (+33.3%) Operating Cash Flow increases by 10.8% to € 440 m

Double-digit earnings growth driven by widespread recovery and HPO initiatives

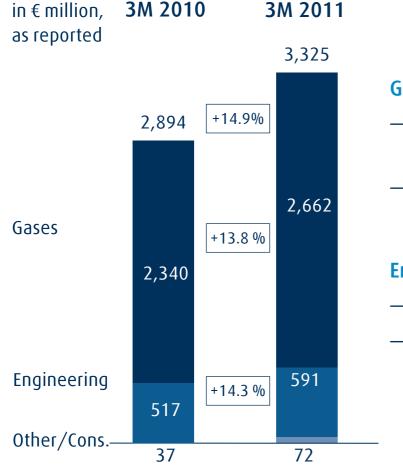
Growth markets continue their strong momentum Mature regions on solid growth levels supported by further recovery in the cylinder business Increase of the group operating margin by 80 basis points to 22.9%

2011 Outlook reinforced

Growth in sales and operating profit vs. record year 2010 HPO: € 650-800 m of gross cost savings in 2009-2012

Group, sales by Divisions Unchanged growth momentum drives group sales up 14.9%





Gases Division

- Growth momentum intact: comparable* sales increase of 8.3%
- Growth in all product areas: tonnage leading, cylinder accelerating

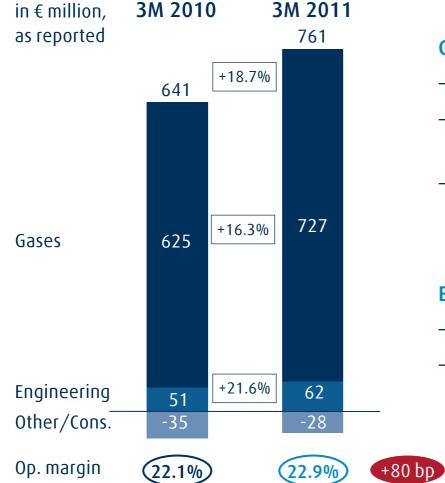
Engineering Division

- Sales above last year's level
- Execution of order backlog remains fully on track

*excluding currency, natural gas price and consolidation effect

Group, operating profit by Divisions Further group margin improvement by 80bp to 22.9%





Gases Division

- Operating profit* on double-digit growth track
- Operating margin further increased by 60 bp yoy to 27.3%
- Continuous focus on HPO: initiatives across all processes providing us with the right basis for sustainable profitable growth

Engineering Division

- Operating margin of 10.5%
- Strong margin performance driven by successful project execution

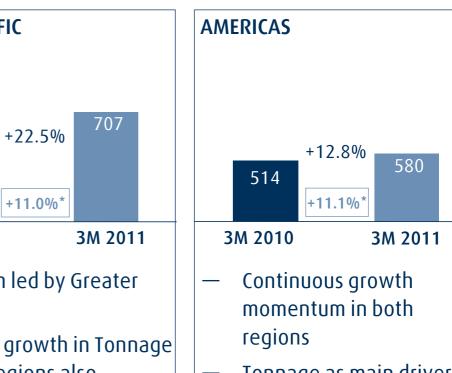
on reported basis

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



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- Tonnage as main driver in North America
- Double-digit growth in all product areas in South America

Gases Division, operating profit by operating segment Operating margin further increased to 27.3%



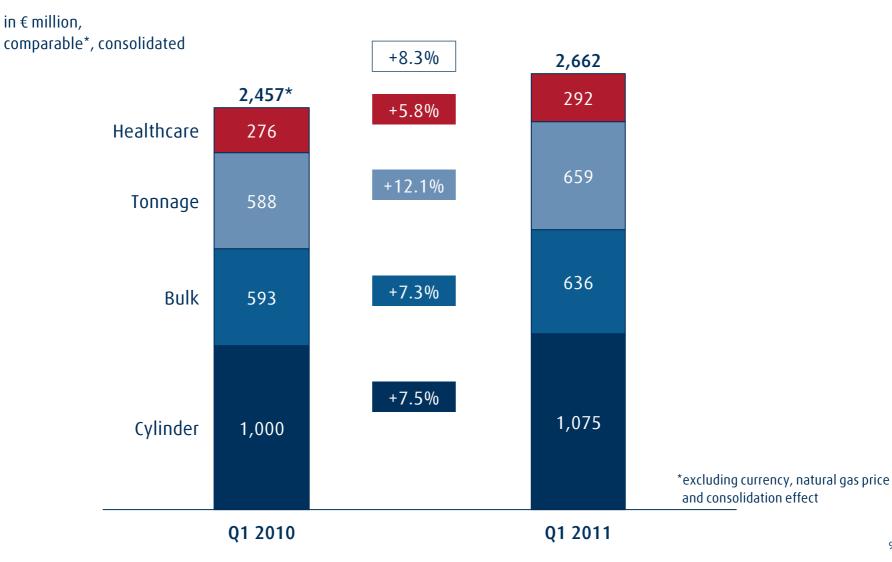
in € million



- Continuous implementation of HPO initiatives supports margin development in all regions
- EMEA and AMERICAS drive the margin improvement in the Gases Division in the first quarter
- ASIA/PACIFIC margin in the first quarter slightly affected by pre-investments in structural growth initiatives in ASIA

Gases Division, sales by product areas Growth in all product areas





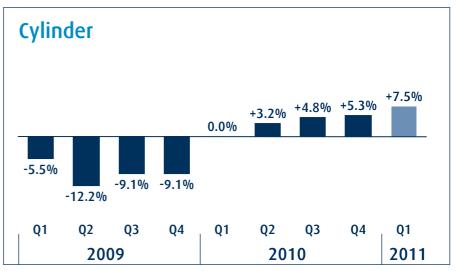
Gases Division, product areas (comparable yoy growth) Cylinder business continues recovery











Engineering Division, key figures Execution of projects fully on track



- Order intake still characterised by small and midsize projects
- More than 50% of order intake from Europe and North America show a further improvement of the investment climate in mature countries
- Order backlog stays strong at € 3.714 bn (year-end 2010: € 3.965 bn)
- Margin ahead of target margin of at least 8%

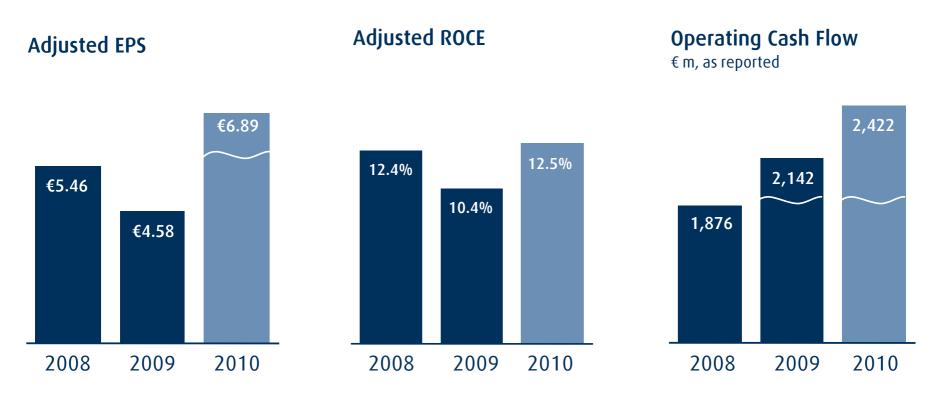
in € million	3M 10	3M 11	Δ ΥοΥ
Order intake	502	444	-11.6%
Sales	517	591	+14.3%
Operating profit*	51	62	+21.6%
Margin	9.9%	10.5%	+60 bp

*EBITDA before non-recurring items and incl. share of net income from associates and joint ventures



Further improvement in all our three key financial indicators

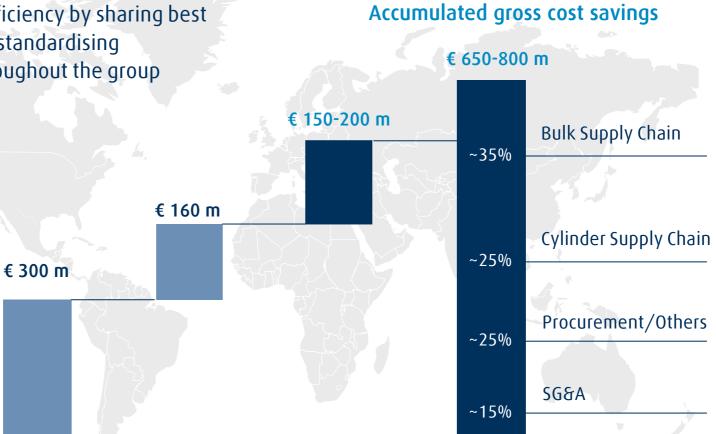
- Profitable growth for our shareholders: adjusted EPS and adjusted ROCE
- Strong cash flow generation further improved: OCF up by 13.1%



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



- Successful start and continuation with savings of ~ € 460 m
- Increase of efficiency by sharing best practices and standardising processes throughout the group



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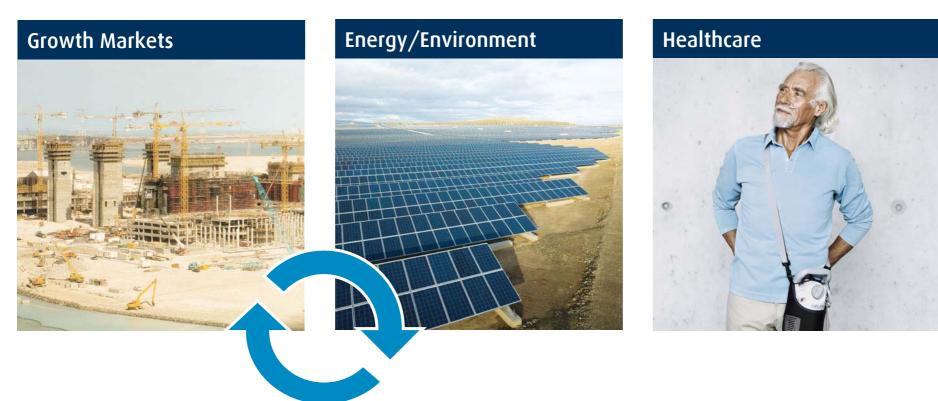


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Mega-trends Leveraging growth with our Gas & Engineering set-up



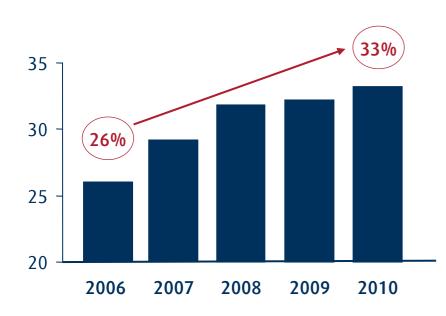


Leveraging Gases & Engineering business synergies

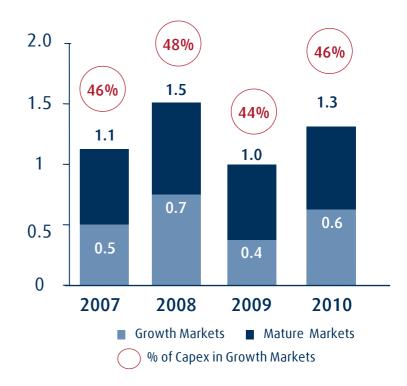
Mega-trend Growth Markets Growth trend leveraged by strong investment decisions

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Growth market sales, excl. JVs (% of total Gases sales)



Gases Capex 2007 – 2010 in € bn



Further increasing footprint in Growth Markets Nearly half of Capex allocated to Growth Markets

Mega-trend Growth Markets Additional industrial gases market 2010 vs. 2020 in € bn



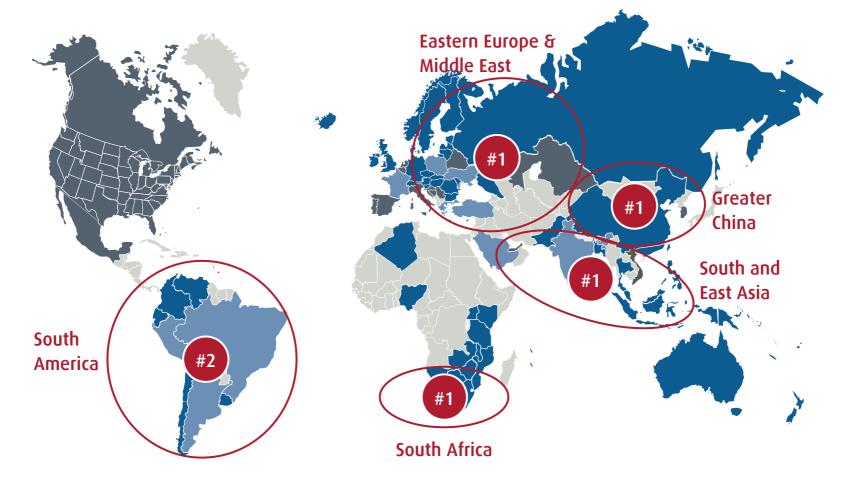


Source: Linde database, figures excl. Equipment, healthcare and major impact out of future growth markets of the energy/environment sector

Mega-trend Growth Markets LeadIng Gases set-up in local growth markets



Market leader in 4 out of 5 Growth Markets



Gases Division, project pipeline Solid basis for sustainable growth



- Around € 2.8 bn investments between 2009-2012 (thereof € 0.6 bn in JVs @ share)
- Project amount 2012 further increased by € 100 m to € 650 m
- Close to 70% of total project-Capex allocated to Growth Markets
- Increasing number of project opportunities with a large portion in Growth Markets

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

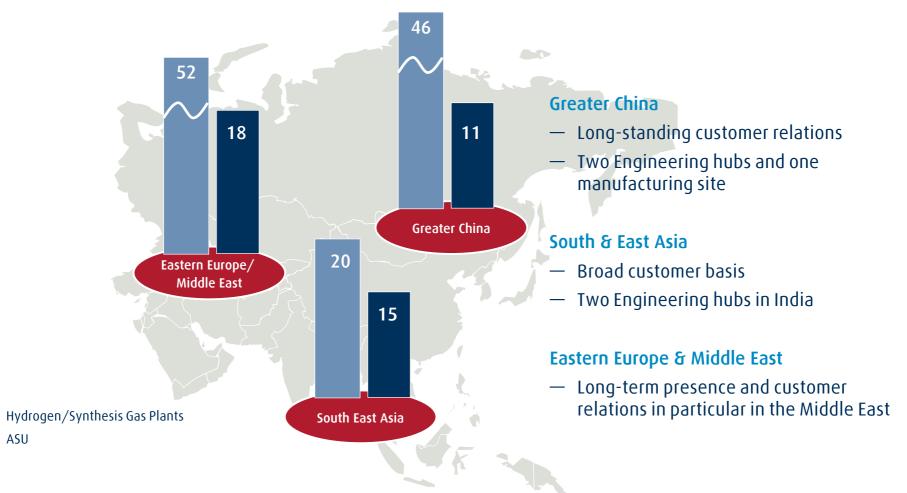


- Market opportunities for projects
 12 months forward as published
 in March 2011 around € 4 billion
- Further project wins in growth and mature markets in all customer segments

Mega-trend Growth Markets Long-term Engineering footprint in Asia enables growth

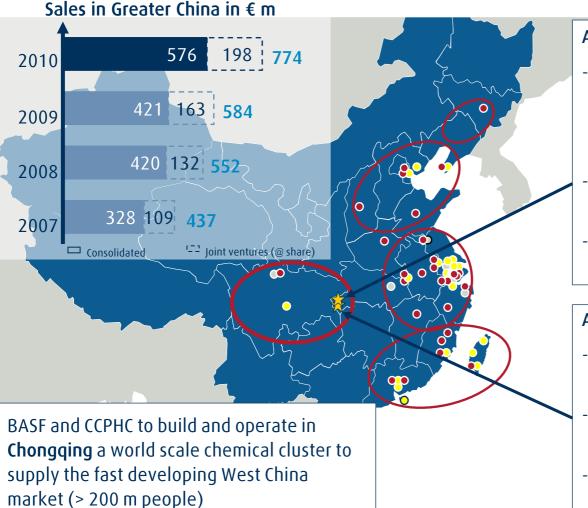


Number of ASU and hydrogen/synthesis gas plants sold by Engineering in Middle East and Asia to external customers since the year 2000*



Linde Gases Division in Greater China Chongqing - Developing a new large chemical cluster





April 2011

- JV agreement with Chongqing Chemical and Pharmaceutical Holding Company (CCPHC), 60% Linde share (fully consolidated)
- Large scale HYCO plant: ~ € 200 m capex, expected on stream date 2014
- Long-term on-site supply contracts with CCPHC and BASF

April 2009

- JV agreement with Sinopec Sichuan Vinylon Works (SVW), 50% Linde share
- Air Separation plant: ~ € 50 m capex, expected on stream date 2011
- Long-term on-site supply contract with SVW

Mega-trend Growth Markets Leading player in Greater China

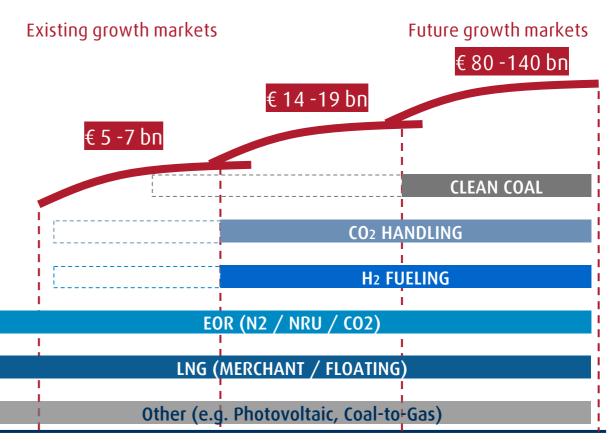




Mega-trend Energy/Environment Potential Energy/Environment market is huge



- Competitive advantage due to LeadIng
 Engineering know-how and in particular also development of equipment
- Better use of fossil resources, e.g. enhanced oil & gas recovery
- Renewable energy, e.g. hydrogen fueling
- Clean Energy,
 e.g. Clean Coal
- Other, e.g.
 Photovoltaic,
 Coal-to-Gas



*Assuming 100% Build Own Operate and excluding sale of equipment and plants 2015 2020 Annual market revenue in the respective year Comparison of the section of the section

(Please find assumptions for estimates on page 52)

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Energy/Environment annual market revenue estimates in € bn*

Mega-trend Energy/Environment Clean Energy development trends



Example: LNG-terminal Sweden



High market potential for merchant LNG:

- No natural gas pipeline grid on the Swedish East coast
- Swedish government focused on renewable energy with LNG as bridge technology
- LNG replaces LPG, light and heavy fuel oil
- LNG attractive as fuel for transportation to reduce sulphur and NOx emissions
- Supply provided by customer of Engineering Division in Norway



World's largest biofuel plant producing LNG from landfill gas:

- Plant has produced > 2 m gallons LNG since start-up in 2009
- Fuel for around 300 refuse trucks
- Carbon emission reduction by 97% compared to diesel and 95% compared to pipeline natural gas
- 2010 California Governor's
 Environmental and Economic
 Leadership Award



Reduction of CO₂ Emission by 170k tons per annum:

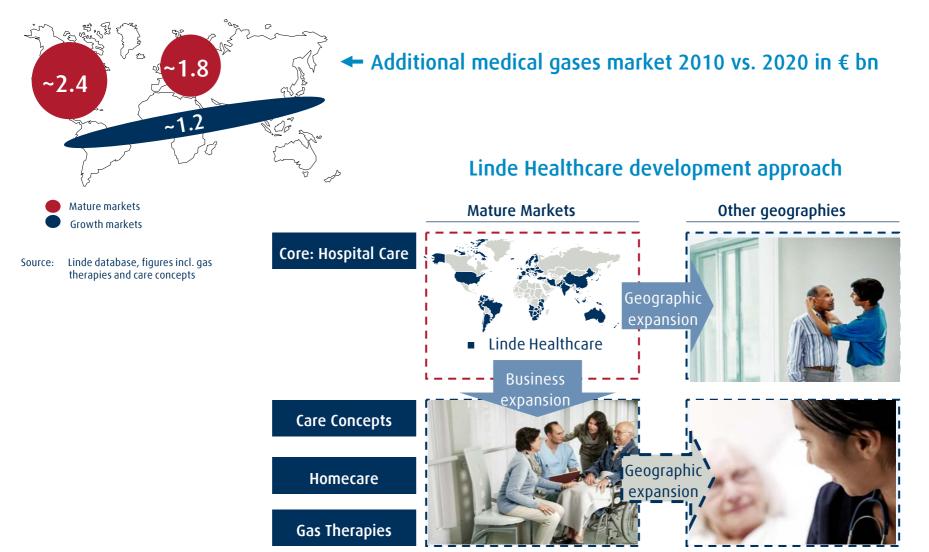
- Replacement of CO₂ generated by gas furnaces with CO₂ from a Shell refinery
- 85 km transportation pipeline with
 150 km of distribution lines
- Prevents combustion of 95 million cubic metres of natural gas

Future growth markets

Existing growth markets

Mega-trend Healthcare Growth through innovation and regional expansion





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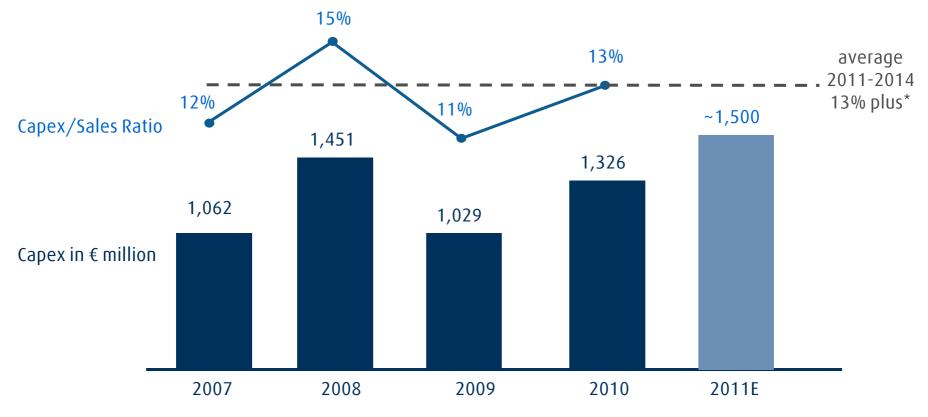


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Gases, Capex Development Capex Sales Ratio 2007 - 2010





Data 2007-2010 @ actual average fx rates at the end of the respective year;

* plus: additional potential for mega-projects

Outlook



2011	Group	 Growth in sales and operating profit vs. 2010 Confirmation of HPO-programme: € 650-800 m of gross cost savings in 2009-2012
	Gases	 Sales increase vs. 2010 Operating profit to grow at a faster pace than sales
	Engineering	 — Sales at the same level as in 2010 — Operating margin of at least 8%

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

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in € million	3M 10	3M 11	in %
Sales	2,894	3,325	+14.9
Operating profit	641	761	+18.7
Margin	22.1	22.9	+80 bp
EBIT before PPA depreciation	410	507	+23.7
PPA depreciation	59	61	-
EBIT	351	446	+27.1
Financial Result	-68	-49	-
Taxes	70	94	-
Net income	213	303	+42.3
Net income – Part of shareholders Linde AG	198	284	+43.4
EPS in €	1.17	1.67	+42.7
Adjusted EPS in €	1.41	1.88	+33.3

Group, FY 2010 Key P&L items

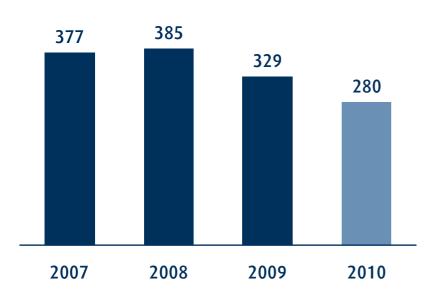


in € million	2009	2010	Δ in %
Sales	11,211	12,868	14.8
Operating Profit	2,385	2,925	22.6
Margin	21.3%	22.7%	+140bps
EBIT before PPA depreciation	1,460	1,933	
PPA depreciation	-293	-254	
EBIT	1,167	1,679	
Financial Results	-329	-280	
Taxes	-185	-335	
Net income – Part of shareholders Linde AG	591	1,005	
Net income adjusted	772	1,167	51.2
EPS in €	3.51	5.94	
EPS in € adjusted	4.58	6.89	50.4

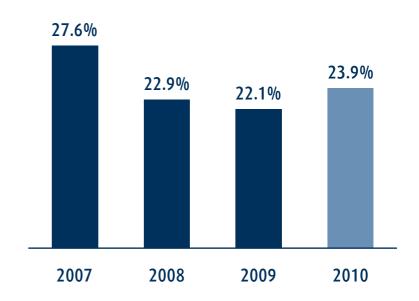
Group Financial Result and Tax Rate



Financial Result (in € million)



Tax Rate



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Group, Cash Flow Statement Operating Cash Flow up 10.8% to € 440 m



in € million	Q1 10	Q1 11
Operating profit	641	761
Change in Working Capital	-98	-180
Other changes	-146	-141
Operating Cash Flow	397	440
Investments in tangibles/intangibles	-223	-237
Acquisitions/Financial investments	-6	-13
Other	38	43
Investment Cash Flow	-191	-207
Free Cash Flow before Financing	206	233
Interests and swaps	-22	-45
Dividends and other changes	-1	-2
Net debt decrease (+)/ increase (-)	+183	+186

Group, FY 2010 Cash flow statement



in € million	Q1/10	Q2/10	Q3/10	Q4/10	2010	2009
Operating Profit	641	755	749	780	2,925	2,385
Change in Working Capital	-98	-3	-25	210	84	160
Other changes	-146	-247	-93	-101	-587	-403
Operating Cash flow	397	505	631	889	2,422	2,142
Investments in tangibles / intangibles	-223	-280	-261	-428	-1,192	-1,104
Acquisitions / Financial investments	-6	-9	-20	-33	-68	-86
Other	38	44	54	59	195	200
Investment Cash flow	-191	-245	-227	-402	-1.065	-990
Free Cashflow before financing	206	260	404	487	1,357	1,152
Financing activities	-23	-423	-102	-30	-578	-630
Net debt increase (+) / reduction (-)	183	-163	302	457	-779	-522

Group, dividends Proposed dividend increased by 22.2% to € 2.20



Consistent dividend policy



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

Group, solid financial position FY 2010: Stable long-term financing

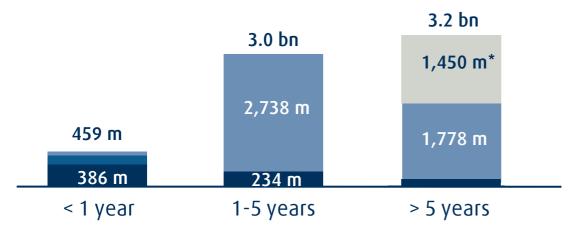
Well-spread and long-dated maturity profile

- Regular issues have continuously lengthened our refinancing schedule
- More than 90% of total financial debt is due beyond 2011
- Approx. 50% of total financial debt has a longer maturity than 5 years

Balanced mix of various financing instruments

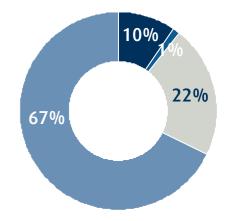
- Long-term bond financing covers approx. 90% of financial debt
- Strategic funding in EUR, GBP, USD and AUD

Financial debt, by maturity (in €)





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

Group, solid financial position FY 2010: Liquidity reserve further strengthened

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\pounds 2.5 bn committed revolving credit facility maturing in 2015

- Arranged in May 2010 with 25 national and international banks
- Replaced € 2 bn syn loan maturing in 2011 and € 1.6 bn forward start facility 2011/2013
- 2,500 3,200 No financial covenants Fully undrawn More than € 1 bn cash Cash & **Securities** 31/12/10 Short-term **Financial debt** 1,159 31/12/10 in € million Credit Liquidity -459 Facility reserve

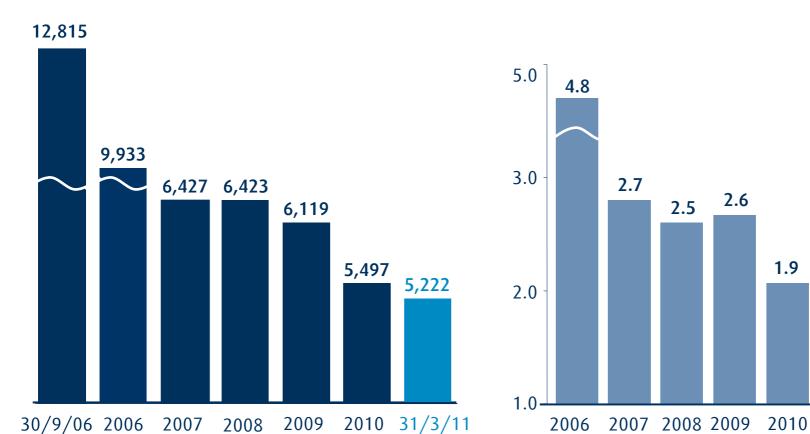
Group, solid financial position Net debt/EBITDA-ratio of 1.7x



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LTM

Net debt/EBITDA



Net debt in € bn

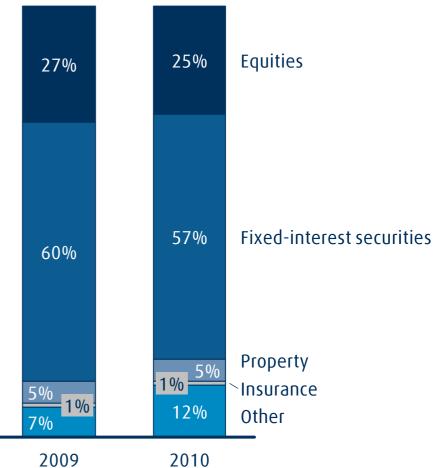
Group, Pensions Key figures



Net obligation

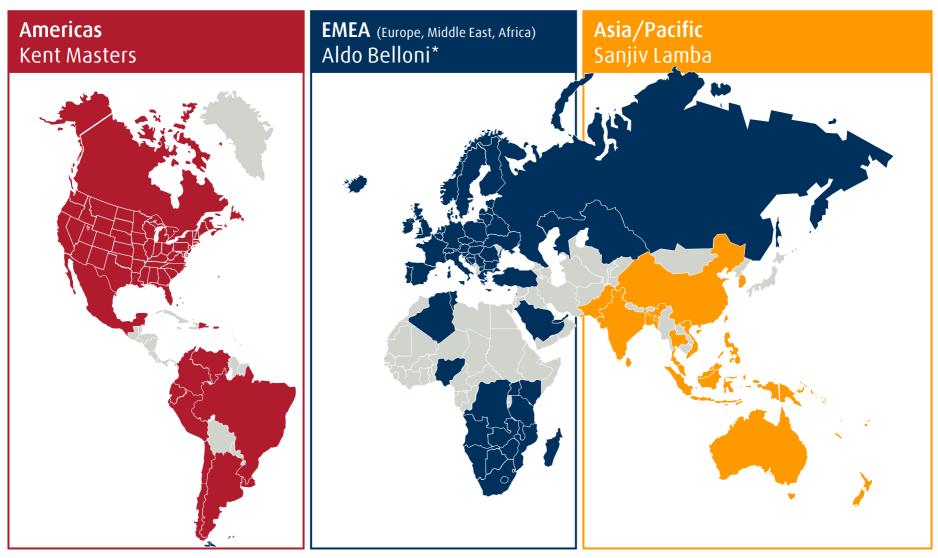
	DBO	Plan	Net
in € million		asset	obligation
01.01.2010	4,744	3,896	848
Service costs	93		93
Net financing	265	246	19
Actuarial gains/losses	-92	141	-233
Contributions/payments	-217	-9	-208
FX	209	200	9
Other	-31	-7	-24
31.12.2010	4,971	4,467	504

Pension plan assets portfolio structure



Gases Division, New Operating Segments







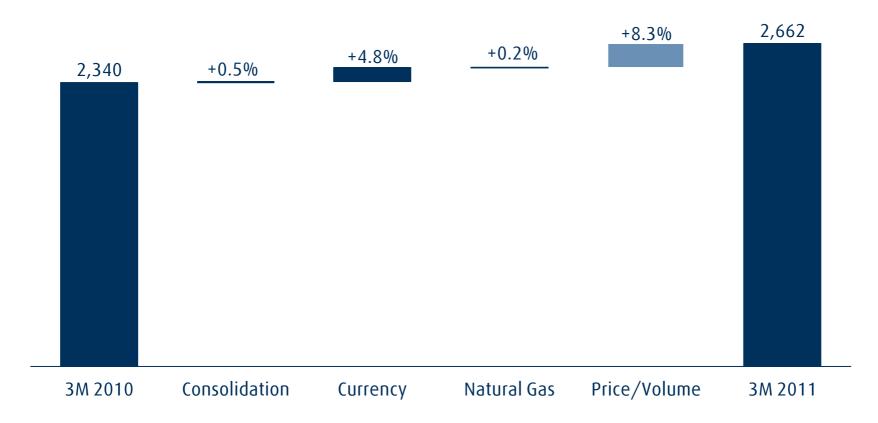
EMEA (€ m)	Q1 2010	Q2 2010	Q3 2010	Q4 2010	FY 2010
Sales	1.264	1.349	1.365	1.352	5.330
Operating profit ¹⁾	351	386	389	387	1.513
Operating margin	27,8%	28,6%	28,5%	28,6%	28,4%
Asia/Pacific (€ m)	Q1 2010	Q2 2010	Q3 2010	Q4 2010	FY 2010
Sales	577	677	711	727	2.692
Operating profit ¹⁾	162	190	200	202	754
Operating margin	28,1%	28,1%	28,1%	27,8%	28,0%
Americas (€ m)	Q1 2010	Q2 2010	Q3 2010	Q4 2010	FY 2010
Sales	514	581	605	579	2.279
Operating profit ¹⁾	112	136	129	122	499
Operating margin	21,8%	23,4%	21,3%	21,1%	21,9%

1) EBITDA before non-recurring items, including share of net income from associates and joint ventures

Division Gases, sales bridge 3M sales increase of 8.3% on comparable basis



in € million



Gases Division, Joint Ventures Asian projects drive growth of our JV sales

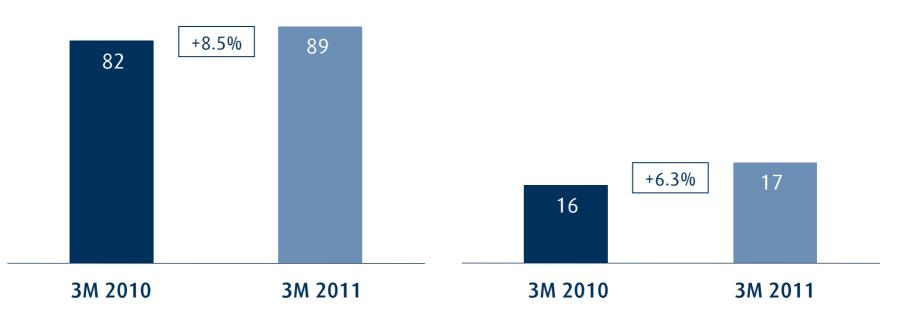


in € million

Proportionate Sales

(not incl. in the Group top-line)

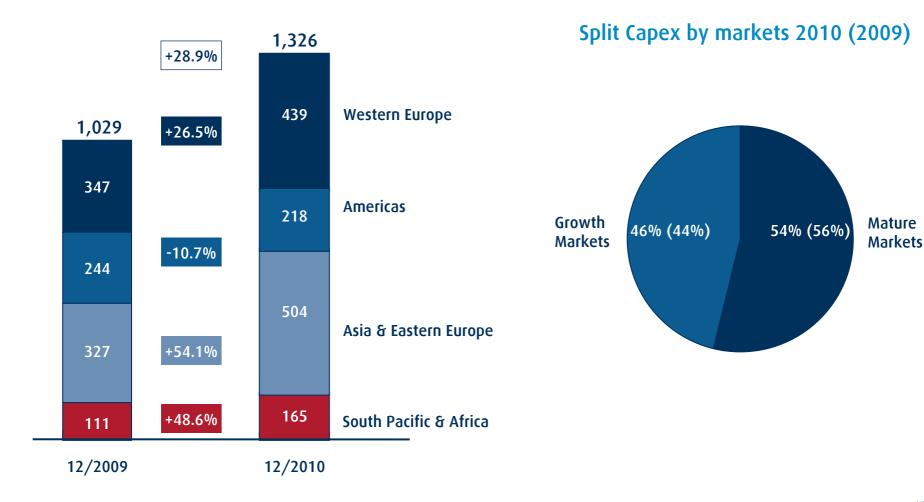
Share of Net Income (contribution to operating profit)



Gases Division Split of Capex by operating segment

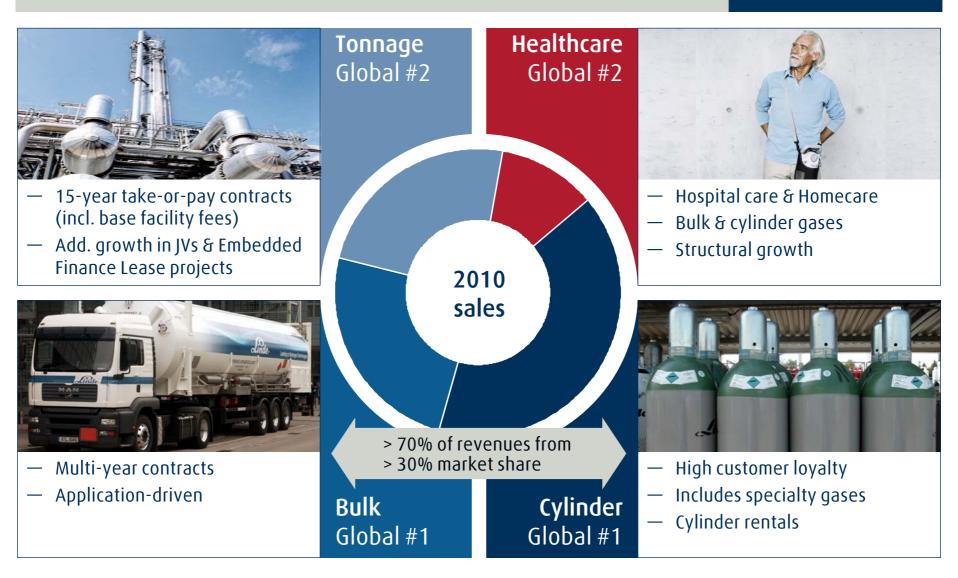


in € million



Gases Division, product areas Various distribution mix served from one product source





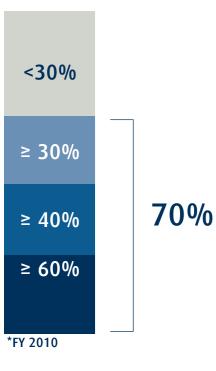


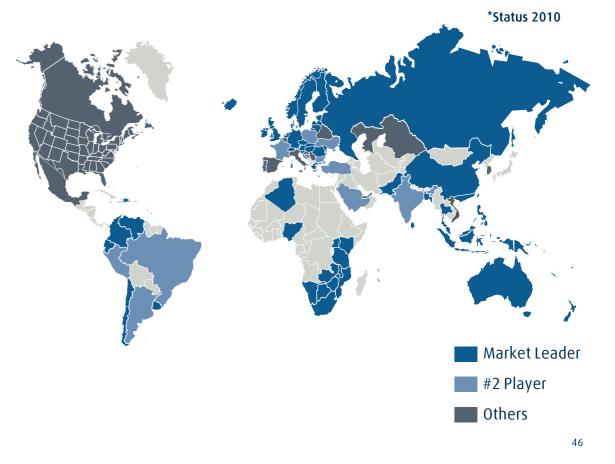
In bulk & cylinder: >70% of revenues from >30% market share positions

Sales split by market shares

Market leader in 47 of the 75 major countries, #2 Player in another 15



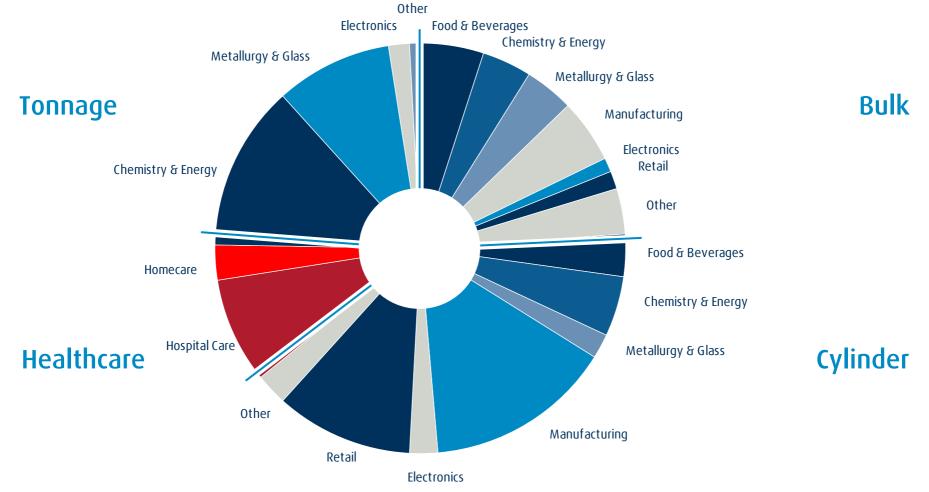




Gases Division Stability driven by a broad customer base

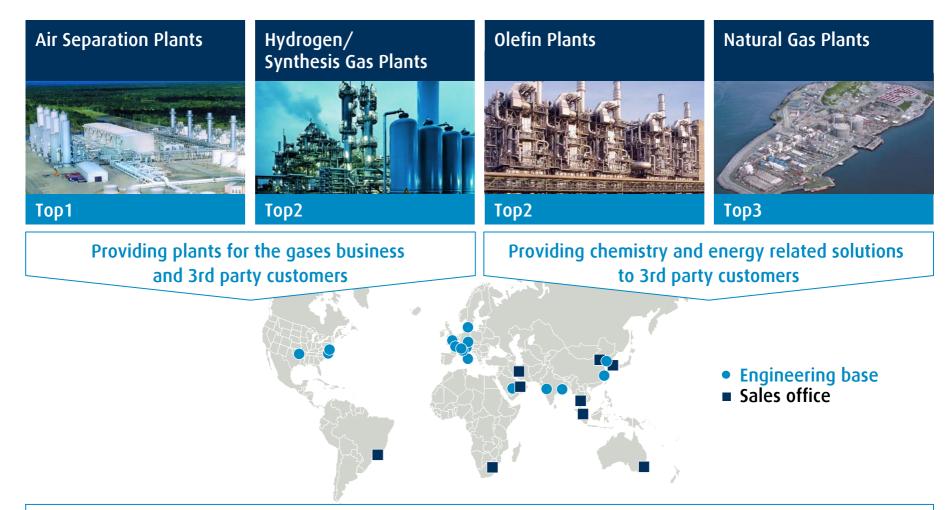


2010: Split of product areas by major end-customer groups



Engineering Division Global set-up with leading market position in all segments

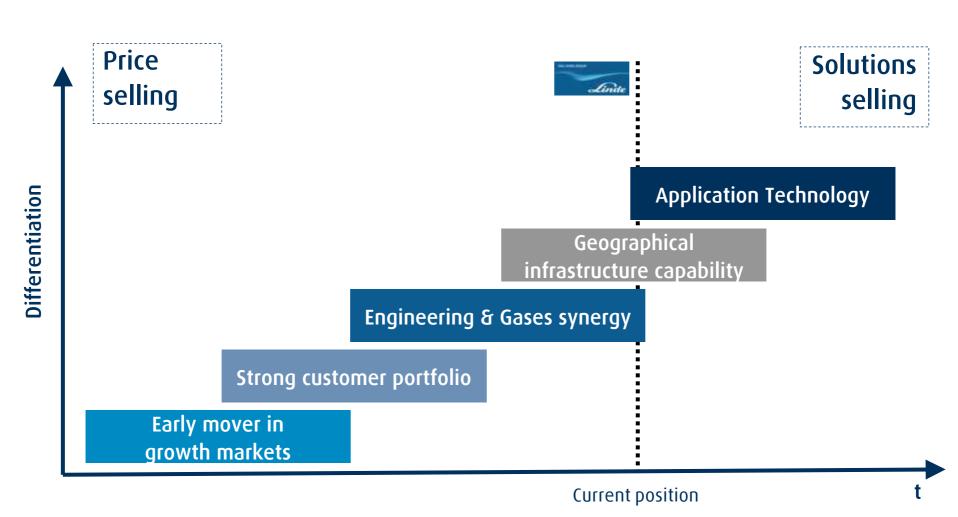




Supporting the energy/environmental mega-trend and leveraging customer relations for gas projects

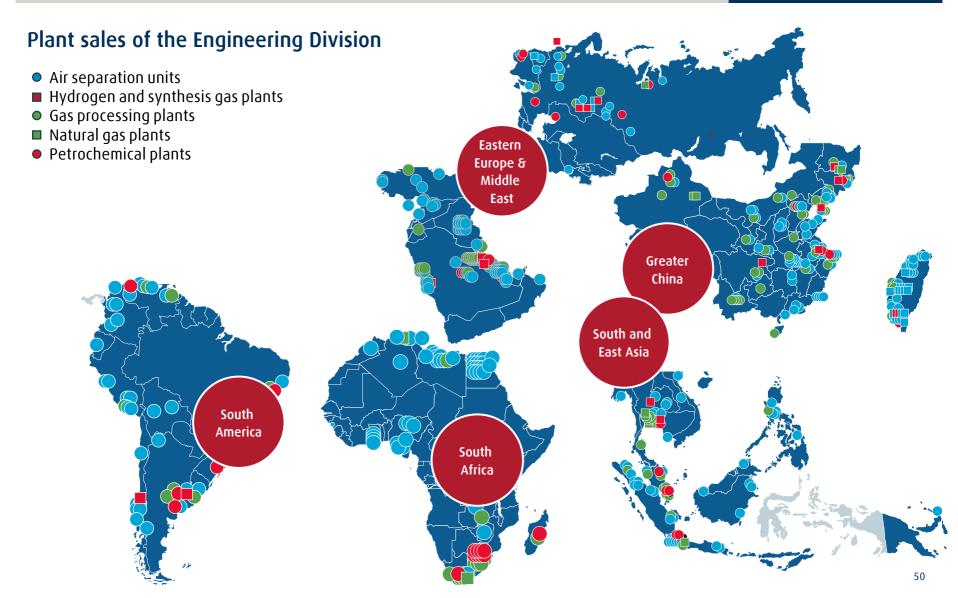
Mega-trend Growth Markets Business approach in Growth Markets





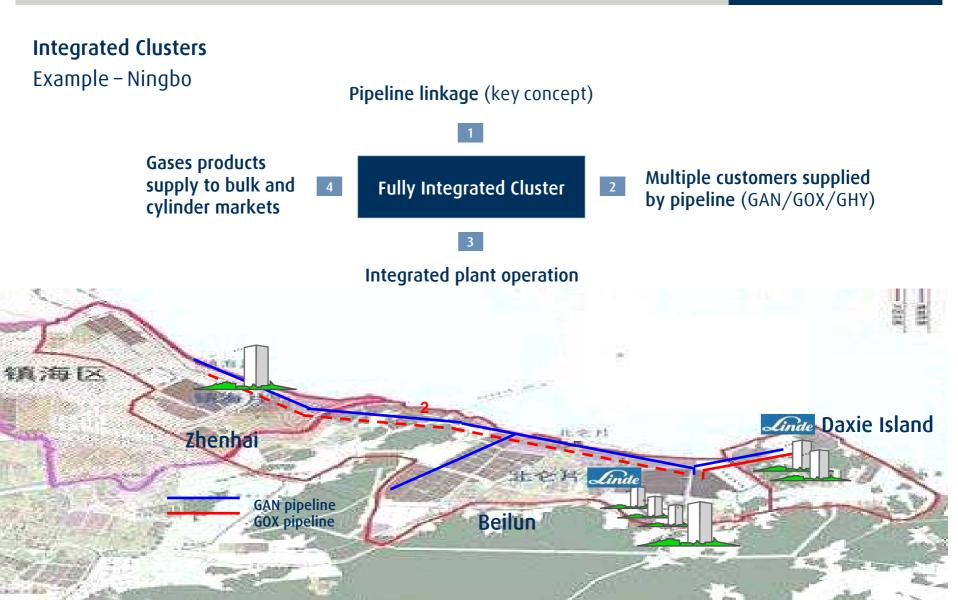
Mega-trend Emerging Markets Strong customer relationships in Engineering





Number 1 with customers Integrated offer in selected industrial poles





Clean Energy market estimation 2020 & 2030 top down

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General assumptions:

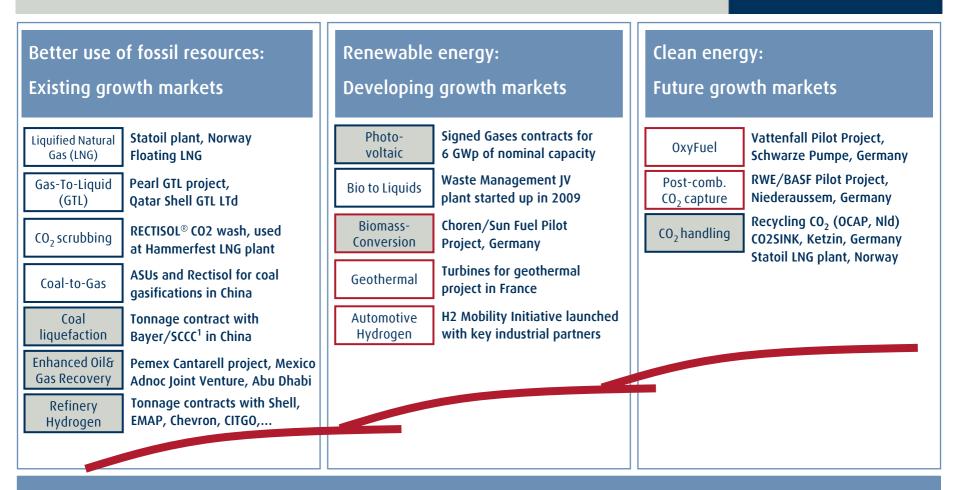
- Market numbers are directional only and w/o inflation or fx
- Oil price development at 80-100 USD/bll
- Outsourced gases market only (excl. captive market or equipment sales),

	Market size in € bn Assumptions for 2030	2015	2020	2030
LNG merchant/floating	 Based on penetration rate of LNG replacing existing fuels; Merchant LNG projects based on geographical set up and existing infrastructure Floating LNG projects 	3-4	6-10	11-23
Enhanced Oil Recovery Nitrogen Rejection Unit	 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) 	1-1.5*	4-5*	18-35*
Carbon Capture & Clean Coal	 Triple-digit number of 1 GW Carbon Capture (1.5 Gt/a CO2 at EUR25-40/t) 			30-50
CO ₂ networks	 Installation of significant pipeline network and corresponding compression (1.5 Gt/a handling fee CO2 at EUR 10-15/t) 		1	15-25
Hydrogen fuelling	 Installation of a significant fuel station infrastructure Corresponding annual H2 consumption of some bn tons p.a. 		1	10-15
Photovoltaic	- Includes all gases used for manufacturing of photovoltaic cells only		2	3
	Range	5-7	14-19	80-140

* Assuming 100% Build Own Operate and excluding sale of equipment and plants

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

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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

Mega-trend Healthcare High potential for medical gases and related services



Linde Global Business Unit Healthcare :

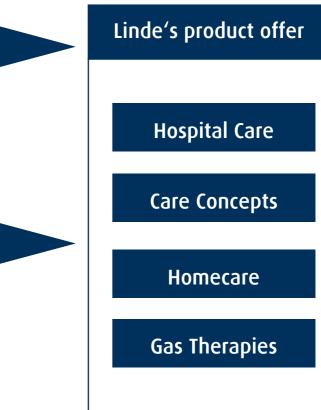
- Second largest global medical gas business
- Active in more than 50 countries with approx 3,000 employees



- Healthcare budget pressures & increasing regulation
- Healthcare quality issues & shortage of care providers
- Increasing wealth in Growth Markets
- Power patients

Healthcare Challenges & Opportunities

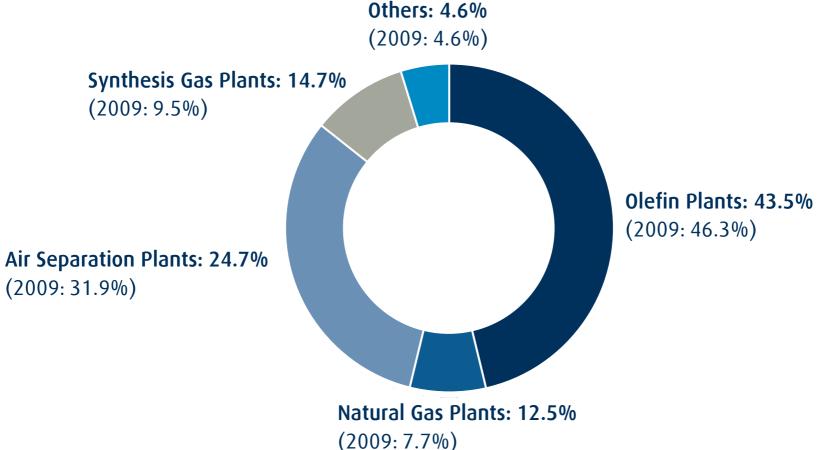
- Increased use of medical gases & related devices, services
- Increase in chronic diseases
- Therapies offering quality of life & cost reductions
- Privatization of care/outsourcing of services



Engineering Division Order backlog diversified and of high quality

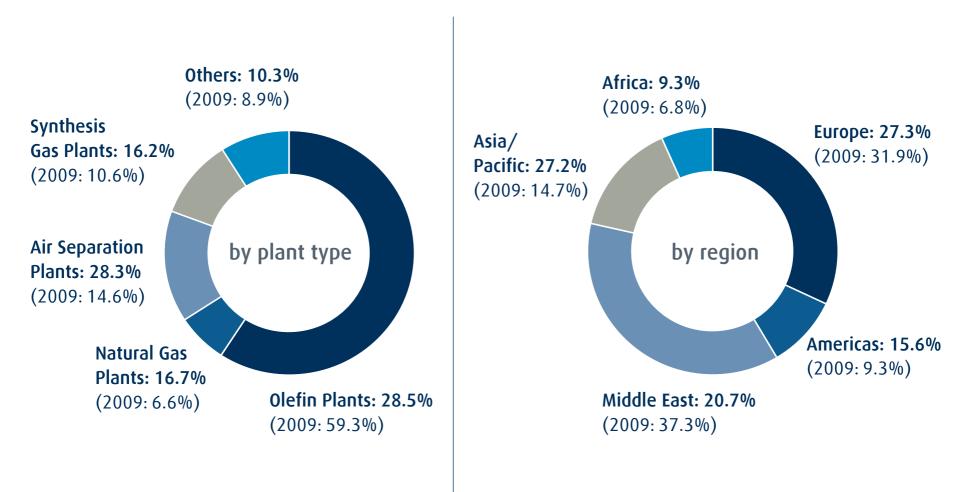


Order backlog by plant type (31/12/2010)



Engineering Division FY 2010 order intake by plant type and region





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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 services + net pension obligations - cash and cash equivalents - receivables from financial services
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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Financial Calendar

- Interim Report January to June: 29 July 2011
- Interim Report January to September: 28 October 2011