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- Positive business performance continues over 9M 2010
- HPO (High Performance Organisation)
- 2010 outlook

Set-up for sustainable profitable growth

- Emerging market footprint
- Business synergies Gases and Engineering
- Energy and Environmental mega-trend
- Healthcare mega-trend

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Highlights

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Positive business performance continues over 9M 2010 - on track to record earnings

Ongoing recovery momentum drives group sales up 13.1% to €9.405 bn

Group operating profit grows over-proportionately by 23.2% to €2.145 bn

Strong EPS increase with reported EPS up 67.2% to €4.13 and adjusted EPS of €4.88 (+44.4%)

Operating Cash Flow increases by 7.7% to €1.533 bn

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

Emerging markets keep their strong momentum, led by Greater China

Mature regions in Western Europe and the US also show further improvements

HPO savings drive 9M group operating margin up a further 190 bp to 22.8%

Stable growth set-up

Solid financial structure with long-term oriented maturity profile

Well positioned for the mega-trends Healthcare, Energy/ Environment and Emerging Markets

Leverage of technology and customer synergies between our Gases and Engineering set-up

Group, sales by Divisions
Unchanged recovery momentum drives group sales up 13.1%

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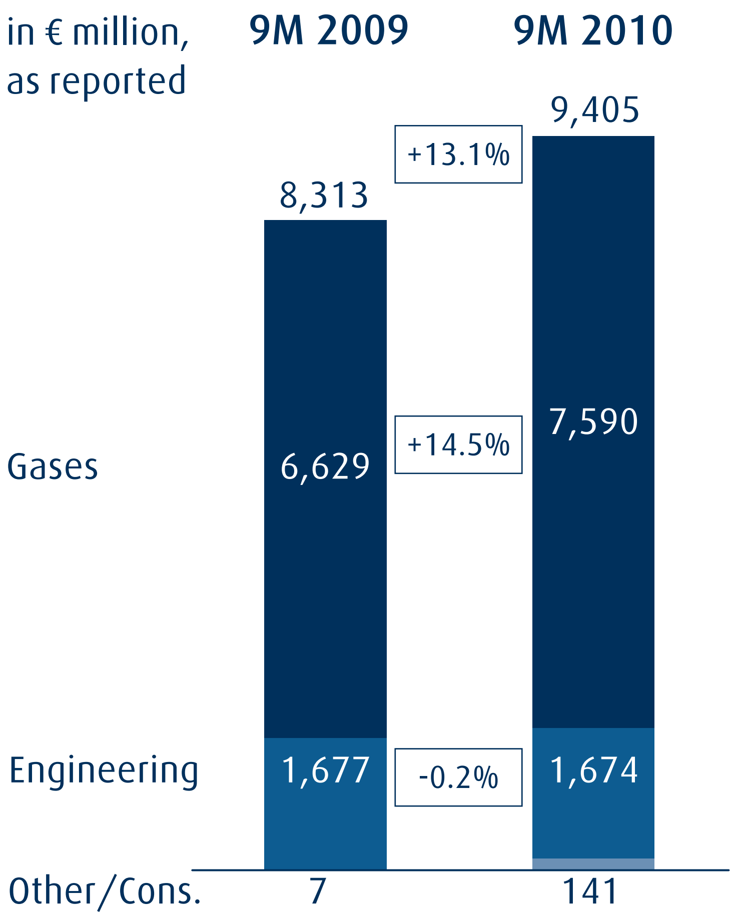

Gases Division

— Growth momentum intact: comparable* sales increase of 5.7%

— Demand recovery remains visible in all product areas: tonnage and bulk still leading, cylinder accelerating

— Ongoing currency support from weaker Euro: major translational effects on AUD and ZAR

Engineering Division

— Sales on 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
190 bp margin increase supported by our HPO initiatives

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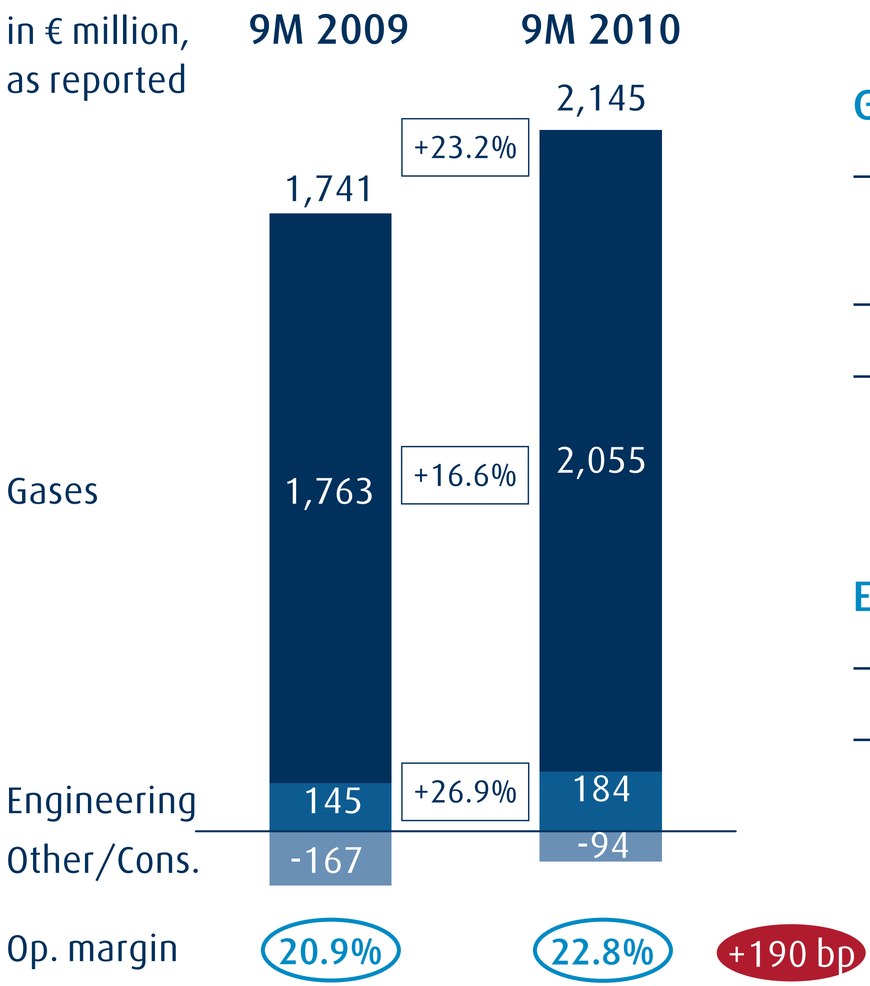

on reported basis

+90 bp, adjusted for €80 m restructuring charges in 9M 2009

Gases Division

— Operating profit* remains on double-digit growth track

— Operating margin up 50 bp yoy to 27.1%

— Continuous focus on HPO: initiatives across all activities leading us to the right set-up for long-term profitable growth

Engineering Division

— Margin of 11.0%, ahead of our 8% target

— Strong margin performance driven by successful project execution

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

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

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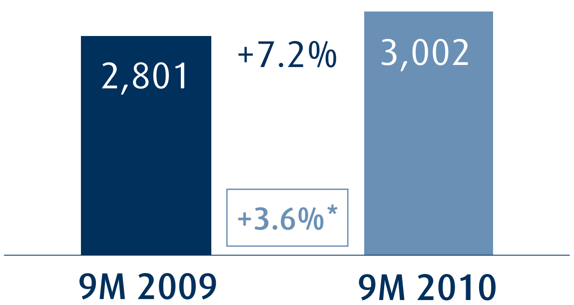
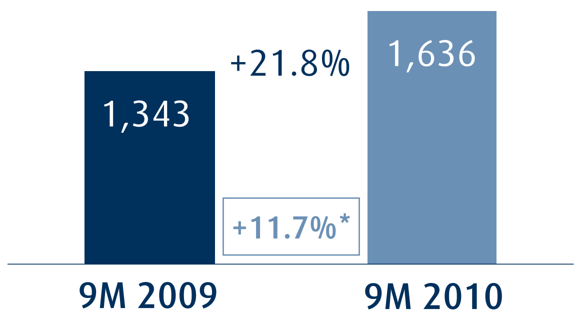
in € million

Western Europe



Asia & Eastern Europe



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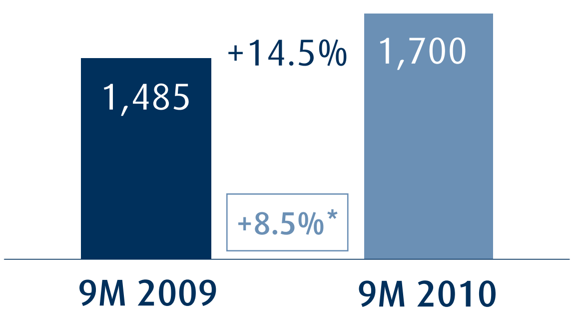
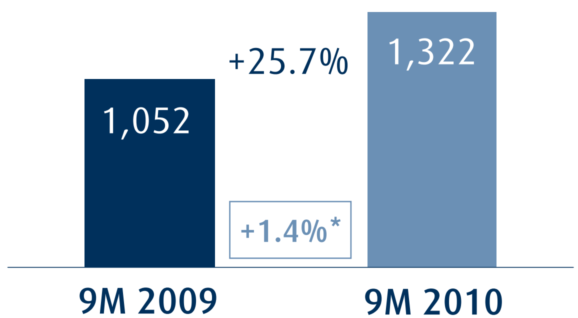


South Pacific & Africa



- Ongoing double-digit growth in Emerging Markets
- Growth further stabilising in Eastern Europe
- Comparable growth in Western Europe held back by pass-through of lower energy prices in the UK
- Improving momentum in Americas driven by both sub-regions
- South Pacific and Africa continue to show major currency benefits

*excluding currency, natural gas price and consolidation effect

Gases Division, operating profit by operating segment

Operating margin increased to 27.1%

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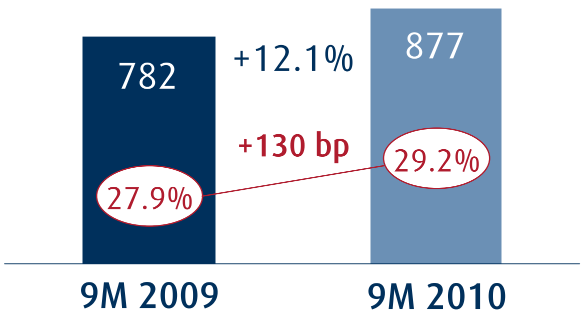
in € million

Western Europe



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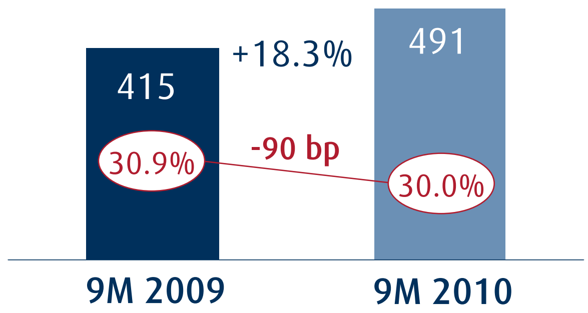

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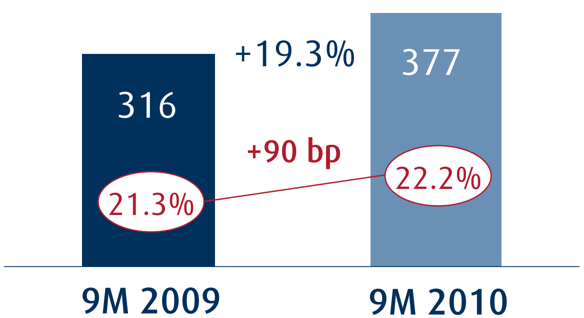

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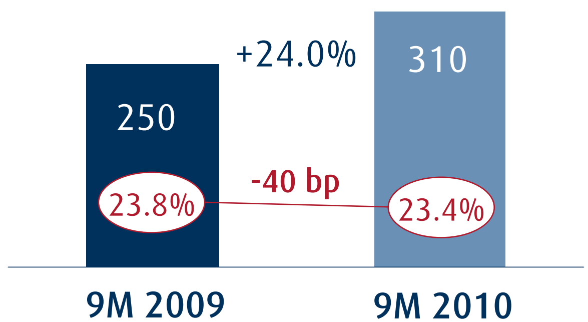

- Continuous implementation of HPO initiatives supports margin development in all regions
- Western Europe and Americas drive the margin improvement in the Gases Division
- Margin dilution from higher natural gas prices visible in Western Europe, North America and South- and East Asia

Division Gases, sales bridge

9M sales increase of 5.7% on comparable basis

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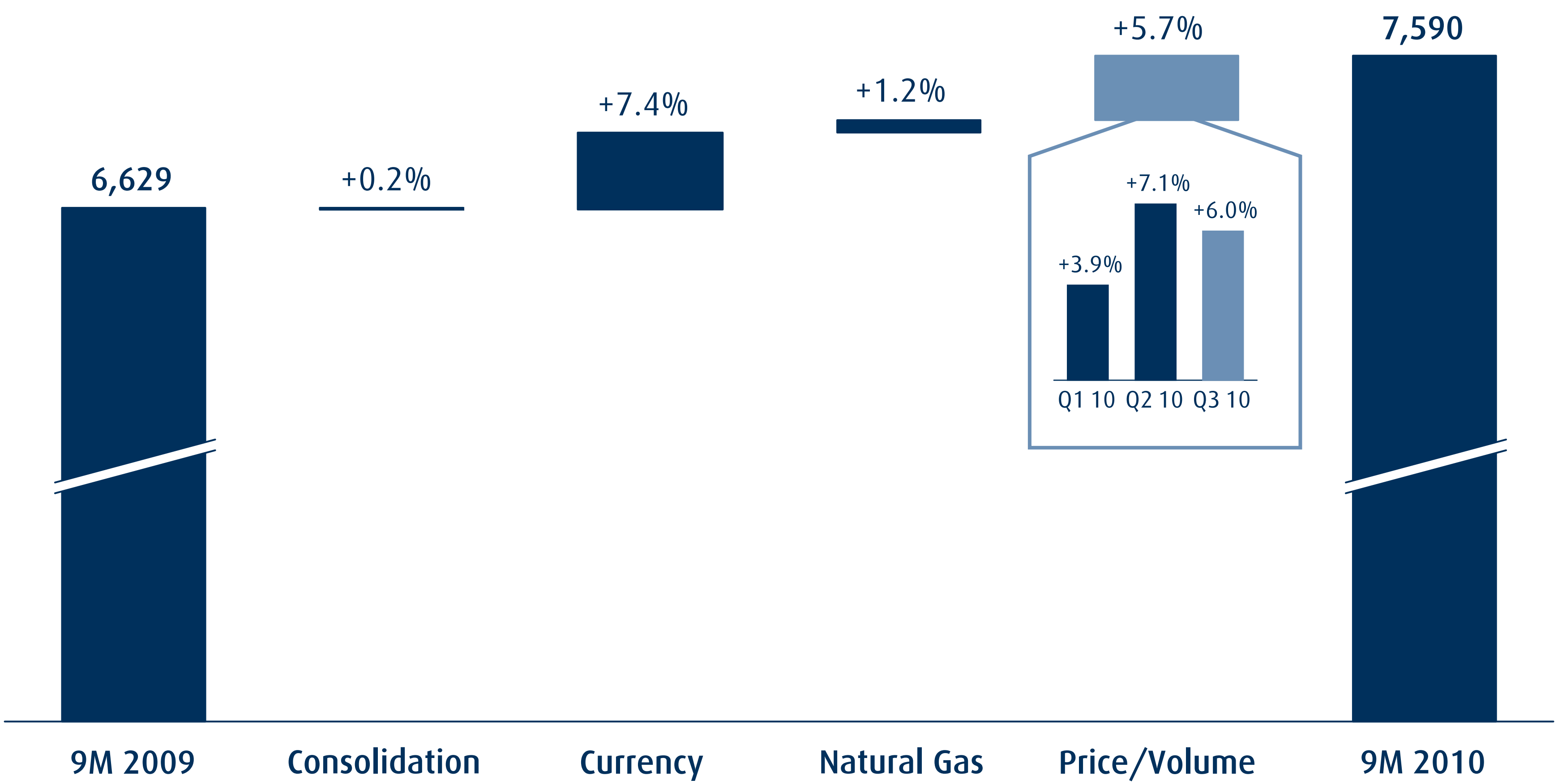
in € million



Gases Division, product areas (comparable yoy growth)
Cylinder business recovering further

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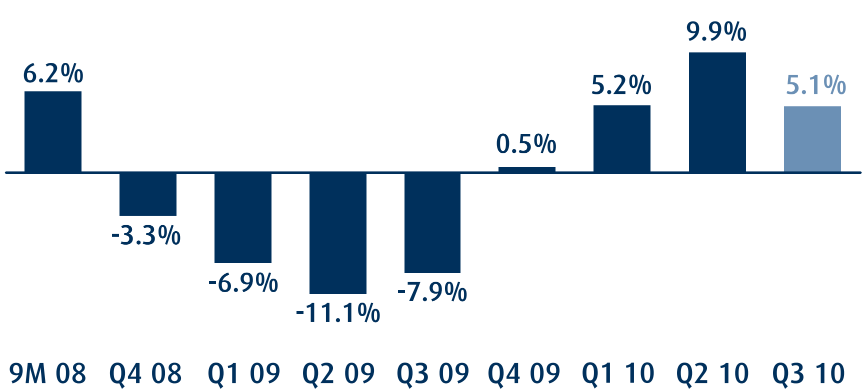
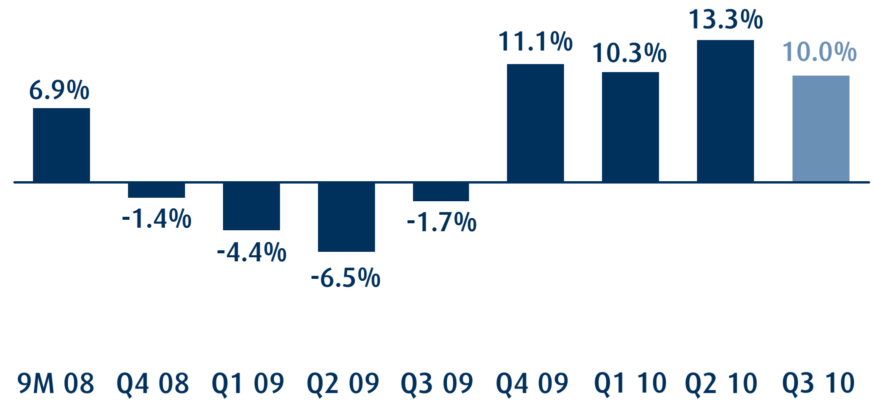
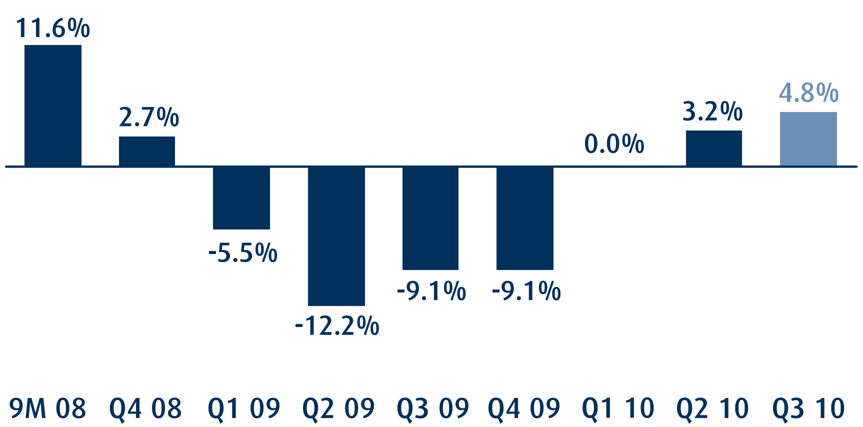
Bulk



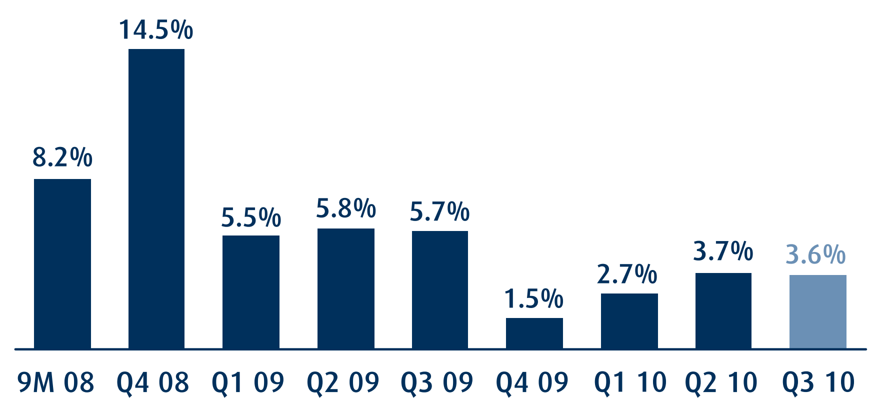
Tonnage



Cylinder



Healthcare



Engineering Division, key figures
Market recovery drives increase of order intake

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- Ongoing recovery of small- and mid-sized contracts drives order intake above last year´s level
- YoY comparison still impacted by mega olefin project (Ruwais, Abu Dhabi) signed in Q2 09
- Order backlog stays strong at €4.141 bn (year-end 2009: €4.215 bn)

in € million	**9M 09**	**9M 10**	**Δ YoY**
Order intake	1,514	1,538	+1.6%
Sales	1,677	1,674	-0.2%
Operating profit*	145	184	+26.9%
Margin	**8.6%**	**11.0%**	**+240 bp**

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

Group, Cash Flow Statement

9M Operating Cash Flow up 8% to €1.533 billion

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in € million	Q1 10	Q2 10	Q3 10	9M 10	9M 09
Operating profit	641	755	749	2,145	1,741
Change in Working Capital	-98	-3	-25	-126	25
Other changes	-146	-247	-93	-486	-292
Operating Cash Flow	397	505	631	1,533	1,424
Investments in tangibles/intangibles	-223	-280	-261	-764	-766
Acquisitions/Financial investments	-6	-9	-20	-35	-81
Other	38	44	54	136	132
Investment Cash Flow	-191	-245	-227	-663	-715
Free Cash Flow before Financing	206	260	404	870	709
Interests and swaps	-22	-120	-98	-240	-230
Dividends and other changes	-1	-303	-4	-308	-334
Net debt decrease (-)/ increase (+)	-183	163	-302	-322	-145

Group, solid financial position

Net debt/EBITDA ratio well within our target range of 2-3x

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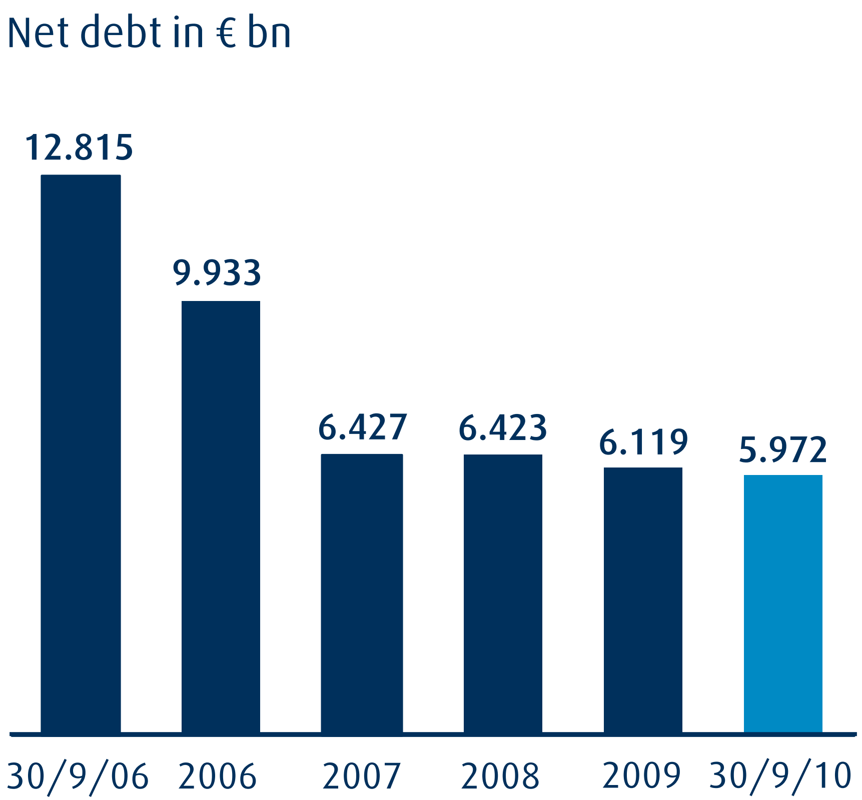

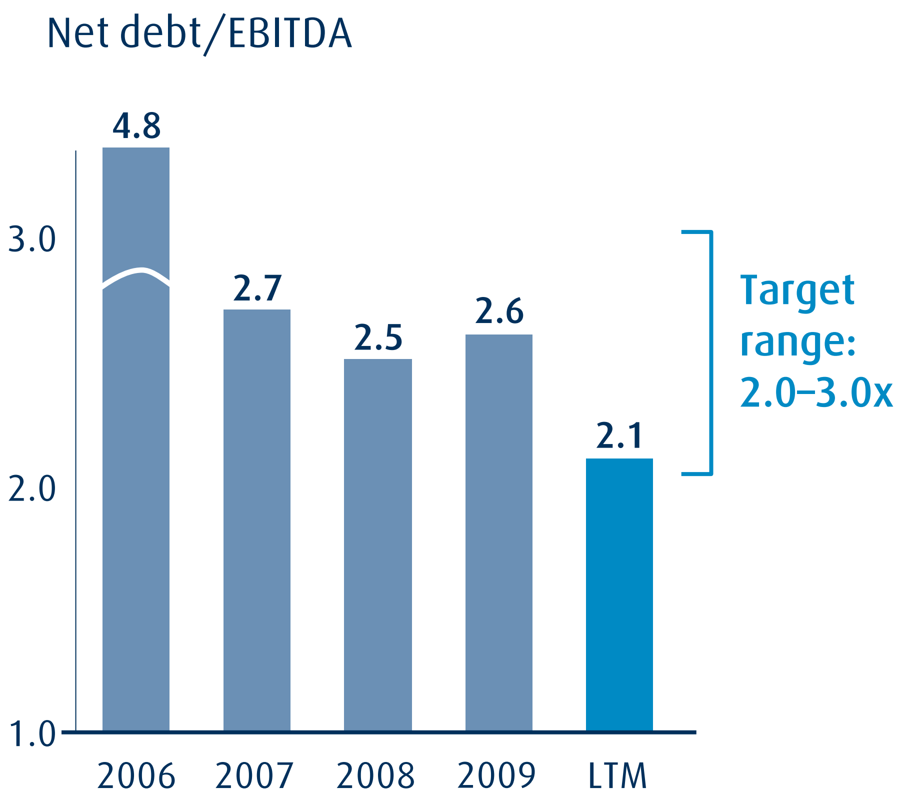

Rating upgrade by S&P and Moody's towards A- and A3 respectively, both with stable outlook

HPO (High Performance Organisation)

A holistic approach covering the full value chain in all regions

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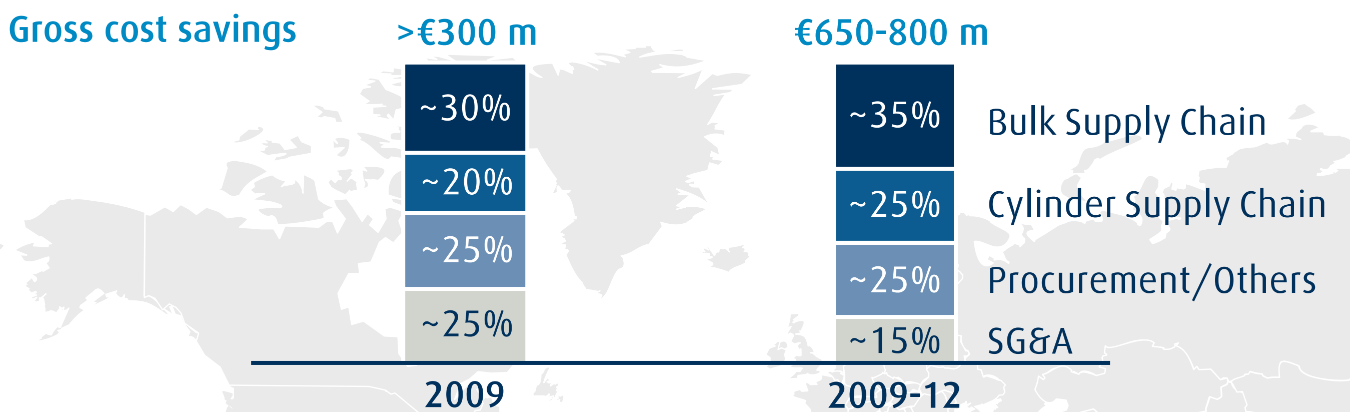

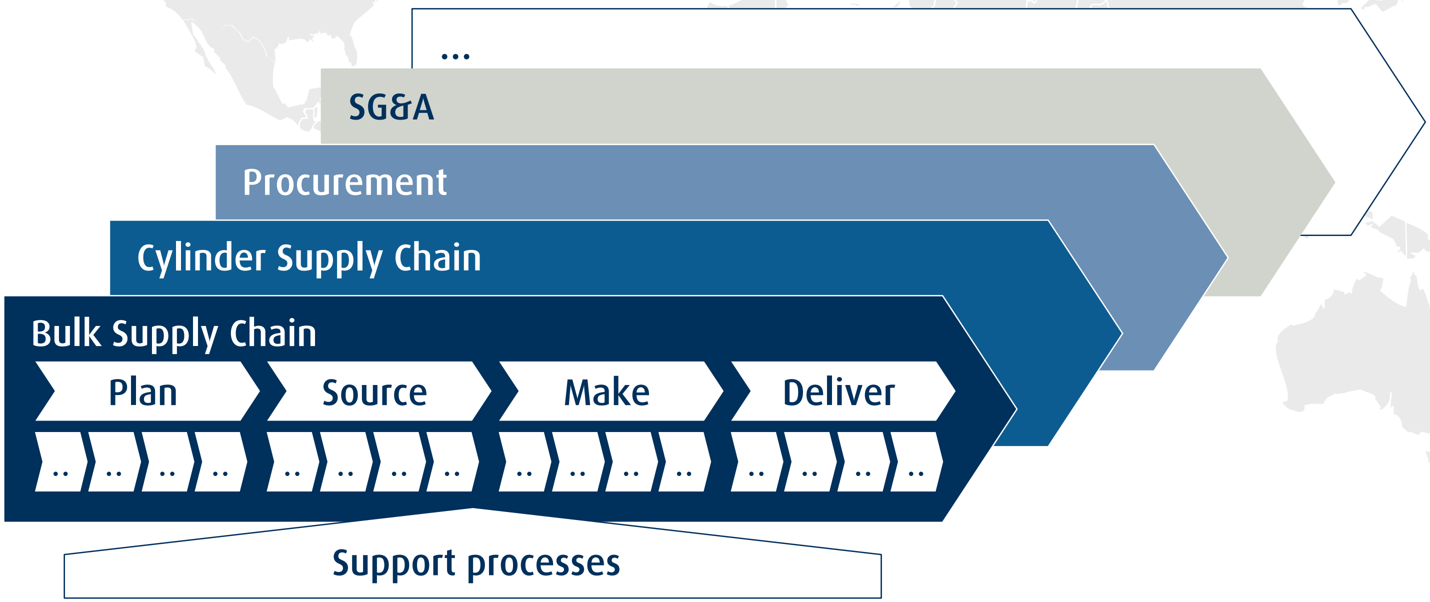

2010 outlook

Based on current consensus expectations for a moderate economic recovery

Group: Growth in sales and over-proportionate operating profit increase vs 2009, operating profit above record year 2008

- Capital expenditure above 2009 level
- Confirmation of HPO programme: €650-800 m of gross cost savings in 2009-2012

Gases: Increase in sales and operating profit vs 2009, exceeding the record levels of 2008

- Strong project pipeline in the tonnage product area
- Volume improvement in the bulk & cylinder product areas
- Ongoing structural growth in healthcare

Engineering: Sales at least on 2009 level, operating margin of at least 10% well above our 8% target

- Order backlog provides visibility for up to two years
- Further indications of improving investment climate for our key plant types

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Growth opportunities
Product portfolio serving mega-trends

Emerging Markets


Energy/Environment


Healthcare


Leveraging Gases & Engineering business synergies

Mega-trend Emerging Markets
Lower gases consumption implies structural growth potential

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Source: Spiritus Consulting market data 2007/Ifo

Emerging markets mega-trend driven by:

— Above-average GDP growth

— Increasing depth of gases applications

— Continuous trend towards outsourcing

Mega-trend Emerging Markets
Leading Gases set-up in local growth markets

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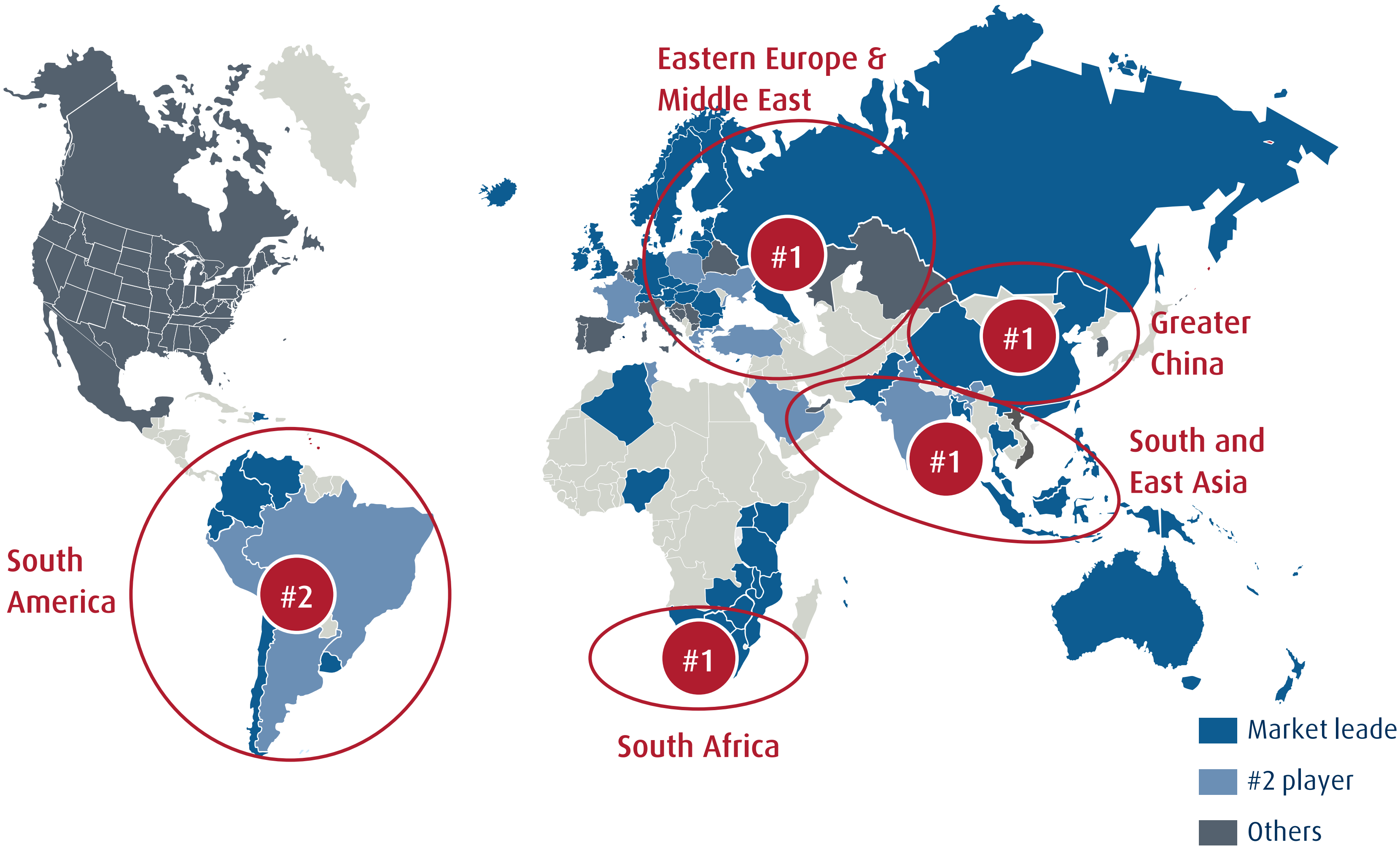
Market leader in 4 out of 5 emerging market regions



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

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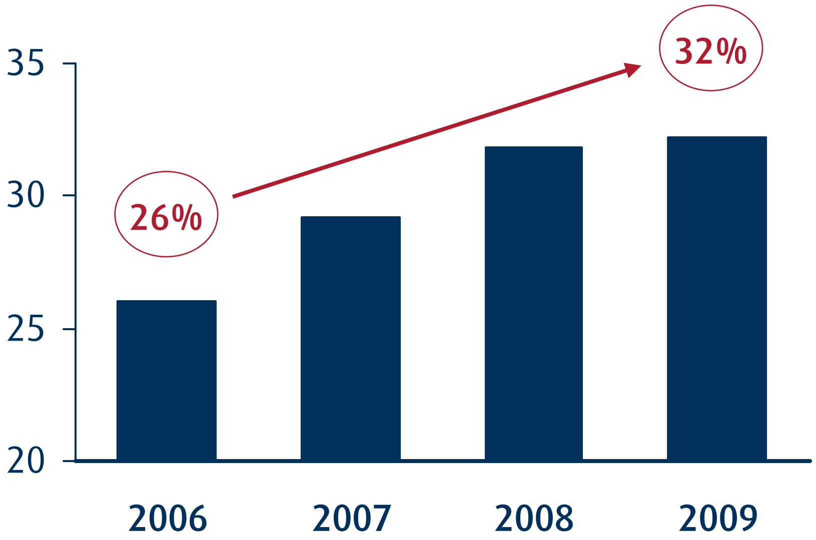
Emerging market sales, excl. JVs (% of total Gases sales)



Gases Capex (2007-09): €3.5 bn

Strong emerging market exposure based on:

- Perfect fit between the historic strengths of BOC and Linde footprints
- Further leverage of these leading market positions through our capital allocation

Nearly half of Capex allocated to Emerging Markets already in 2007-09

Gases Division, project pipeline
Pipeline further strengthened

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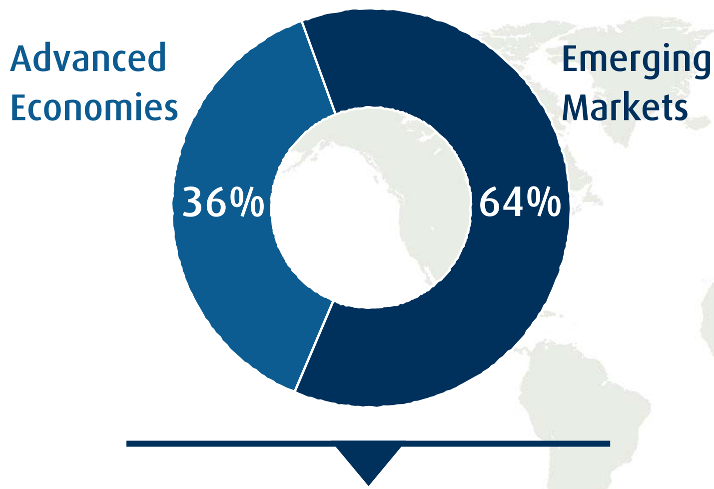
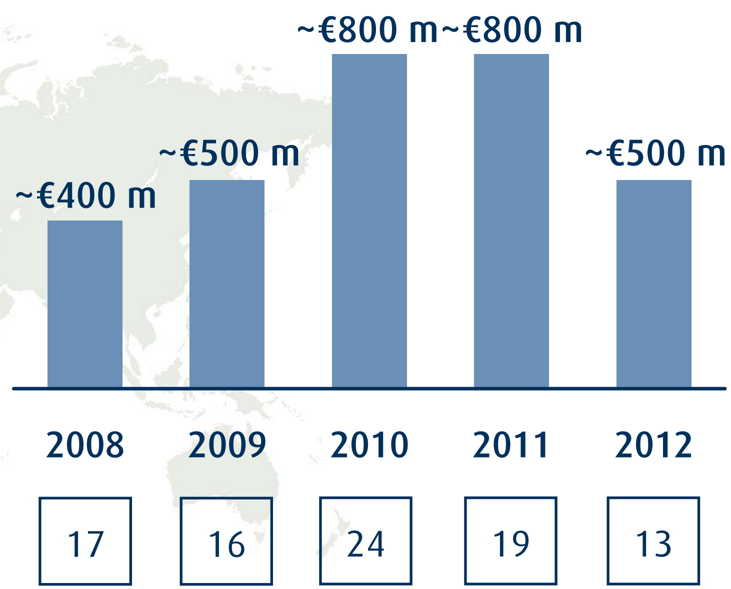
- €3 bn investments between 2008-2012 (thereof ~€0.6 bn in JVs @ share)
- Close to 70% of total project Capex allocated to emerging markets
- Additional project amount of around €100 m decided for 2011/12

21 large projects for ~€550 m decided ytd



Thereof around €300 m of investments allocated to Greater China and South & East Asia ytd

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



(All projects > €10 m investment)

Engineering Division

Global set-up with leading market position in all segments

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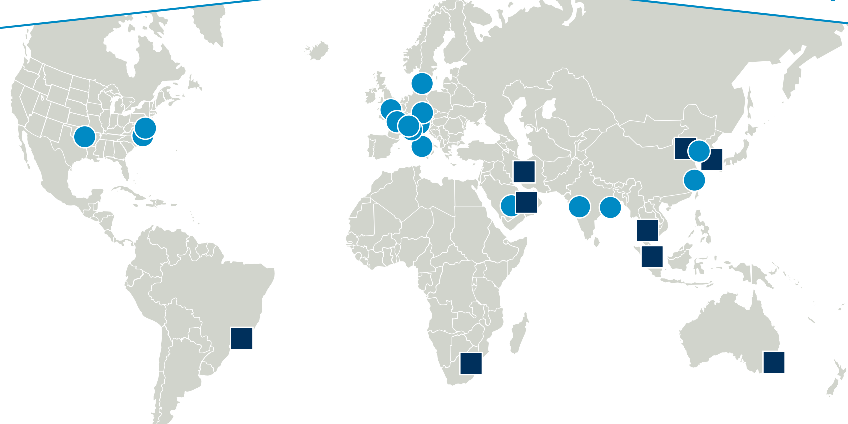
Air Separation Plants	Hydrogen/ Synthesis Gas Plants	Olefin Plants	Natural Gas Plants
			
Top1	Top2	Top2	Top3

Providing plants for the gases business and 3rd party customers

Providing chemistry and energy related solutions to 3rd party customers



● Engineering base
■ Sales office

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

Mega-trend Emerging Markets

Strong customer relationships in Engineering

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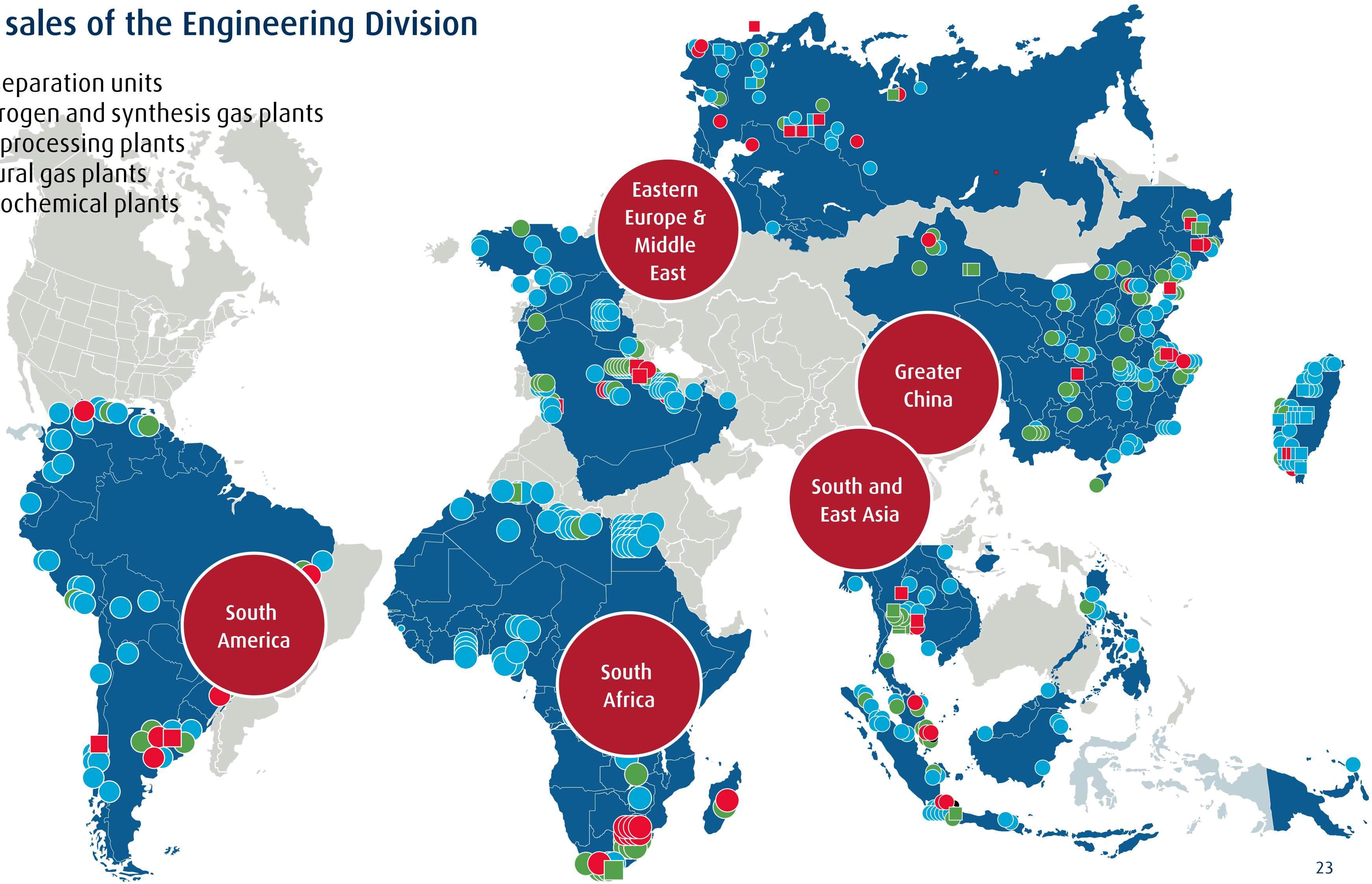
Plant sales of the Engineering Division

- Air separation units
- Hydrogen and synthesis gas plants
- Gas processing plants
- Natural gas plants
- Petrochemical plants



Mega-trend Energy/Environment

Current and future growth markets for Gases & Engineering

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Better use of fossil resources: Existing growth markets

Liquified Natural Gas (LNG)	**Statoil plant, Hammerfest, Norway**
Gas-To-Liquid (GTL)	**Pearl GTL project, Qatar Shell GTL LTd**
CO_2 scrubbing	**RECTISOL® CO2 wash, used a.o. at Hammerfest LNG plant**
Clean Coal	**ASUs and Rectisol for coal gasifications in China**
Coal liquefaction	**Tonnage contract with Bayer/SCCC[1] in China**
Enhanced Oil& Gas Recovery	**Pemex Cantarell project, Mexico Adnoc Joint Venture, Abu Dhabi**
Refinery Hydrogen	**Tonnage contracts with Shell, EMAP, Chevron, CITGO,...**

Renewable energy: Developing growth markets

Photo-voltaic	**Signed Gases contracts for 6 GWp of nominal capacity**
Bio to Liquids	**Waste Management JV plant started up in 2009**
Biomass-Conversion	**Choren/Sun Fuel Pilot Project, Germany**
Geothermal	**Turbines for geothermal project in France**
Automotive Hydrogen	**H2 Mobility Initiative launched with key industrial partners**

Clean energy: Future growth markets

OxyFuel	**Vattenfall Pilot Project, Schwarze Pumpe, Germany**
Post-comb. CO_2 capture	**RWE/BASF Pilot Project, Niederaussem, Germany**
CO_2 handling	**Recycling CO_2 (OCAP, Nld) CO2SINK, Ketzin, Germany Statoil LNG plant, Norway**

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

Business model Linde: ☐ Engineering ☐ Gas Supply   Maturity of business: — Existing business — Pilot on-going

Mega-trend Healthcare
Long-term potential for medical gases & related services

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Global healthcare systems face interrelated & structural trends

Market environment

Increasing & ageing population

Healthcare budgets

Healthcare quality

Increased regulation

Healthcare challenges

Increased use of medical gases & related devices, new applications

Increase in chronic diseases (Asthma/COPD*)

Therapies offering quality of life & cost reduction

Privatization of care/ outsourcing of services

Linde's product offer

Hospital Care

Homecare

Middle Care

Gas-related medical applications, f. ex.:
- CONOXIA®
- LIVOPAN®
- REMEO®

*Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

Summary

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On track towards new record earnings in 2010

Double-digit increase in group sales and operating profit per end of September

Strong margin improvement of 190 bp supported by HPO savings

Group operating profit set to exceed the 2008 record level

Competitive set-up for sustainable profitable growth

Strong market position in emerging markets

Leveraging business synergies of Gases & Engineering

Focus on mega-trends Energy/Environment and Healthcare

Based on sustainable cash flow generation and solid long-term financing

HPO is more than a pure cost cutting program

Process standardisation mirrored with an integrated IT platform strategy

Performance culture targeting continuous improvement throughout our organisation

Business set-up and company culture for sustainable, profitable growth

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Group Financial Highlights
9M 2010

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in € million	9M 09	9M 10	in %
Sales	8,313	9,405	+13.1
Operating profit	1,741	2,145	+23.2
Margin	20.9	22.8	+190 bp
EBIT before PPA depreciation	1,079	1,424	+32.0
PPA depreciation	221	191	-
EBIT	858	1,233	+43.7
Financial Result	-247	-230	-
Taxes	155	255	-
Net income	456	748	+64.0
Net income – Part of shareholders Linde AG	417	698	+67.4
EPS in €	2.47	4.13	+67.2
Adjusted EPS in €	3.38	4.88	+44.4

Group Financial Highlights
Q3 2010

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in € million	Q3 09	Q3 10	in %
Sales	2,837	3,301	*+16.4*
Operating profit	637	749	*+17.6*
Margin	22.5	22.7	*+20 bp*
EBIT before PPA depreciation	410	502	*+22.4*
PPA depreciation	75	66	-
EBIT	335	436	*+30.1*
Financial Result	-89	-79	-
Taxes	64	92	-
Net income	182	265	*+45.6*
Net income – Part of shareholders Linde AG	169	253	*+49.7*
EPS in €	1.00	1.50	*+50.0*
Adjusted EPS in €	1.32	1.73	*+31.1*

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

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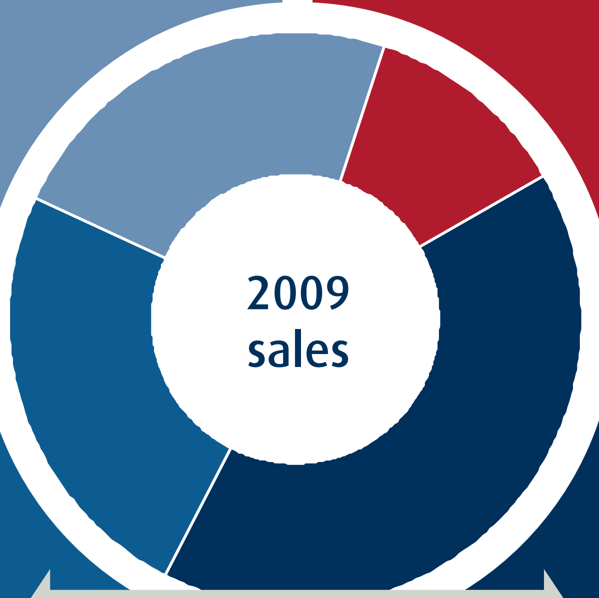
Tonnage
Global #2

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

Healthcare
Global #2

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



> 70% of revenues from
> 30% market share

- Multi-year contracts
- Application-driven

Bulk
Global #1

Cylinder
Global #1

- High customer loyalty
- Includes specialty gases
- Cylinder rentals

Gases Division, local business model

70% of revenues come from a leading market position

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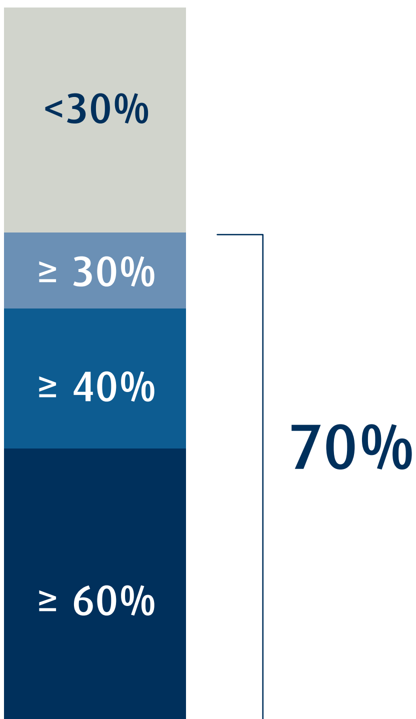
In bulk & cylinder: >70% of revenues from >30% market share positions

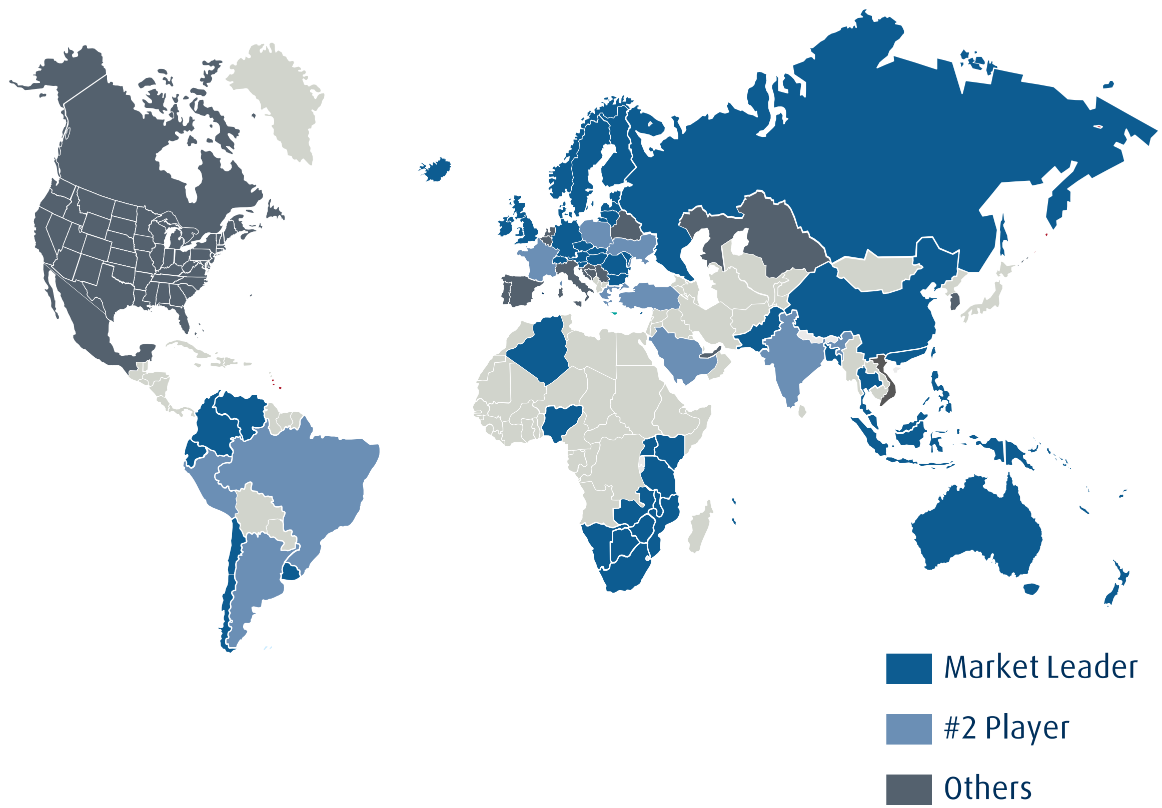
Sales split by market shares

€8.9 bn*



*FY 2009

Market leader in 46 of the 70 major countries, #2 Player in another 10



Gases Division

Stability driven by a broad customer base

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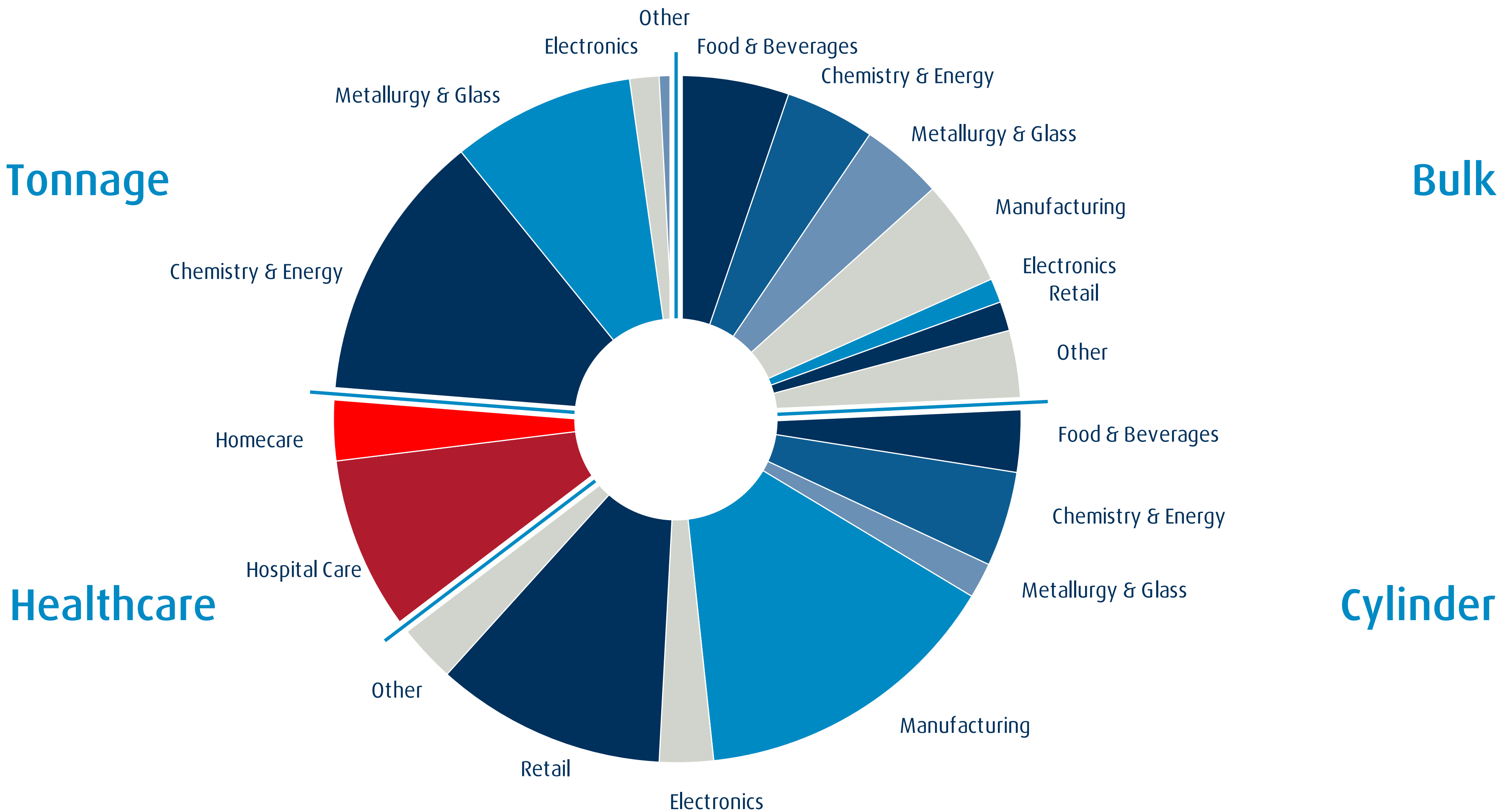
2009: Split of product areas by major end-customer groups



Mega-trend Energy/Environment
Merchant LNG by Linde in the Stockholm & Baltic region

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- Linde has built the first LNG import terminal in the Baltics located south of Stockholm starting operations in May 2011
- 20 km³ facility, initial throughput approval of 225k tpy
- High market potential for merchant LNG in the region:
  - No natural gas pipeline grid on the Swedish East coast
  - Swedish government focused on renewable energy sources with LNG being accepted as the bridge to a biogas renewable society
  - LNG replaces LPG, light and heavy fuel oil
  - LNG is an attractive fuel for the transportation and marine market to reduce sulphur and NOx emissions in the Baltic region

<u>Customers</u> <u>(supply via pipeline or semi-trailer)</u>

- Nynas refinery
- Stockholm Gas town gas grid (70k end consumers)
- Chemical, steel and marine companies
- Retail stations (Biogas supply)
- New Stockholm container harbour to be located adjacent to LNG terminal

<u>LNG-sourcing for Linde</u>

- Initial sourcing from LNG plant of Skangass, Stavanger (N)
  - EPC contract with Linde Engineering
  - Total capacity 300k tpy, 100k tpy bought by Linde
- Additional sourcing from European LNG terminals
- Total supply chain competence of Linde

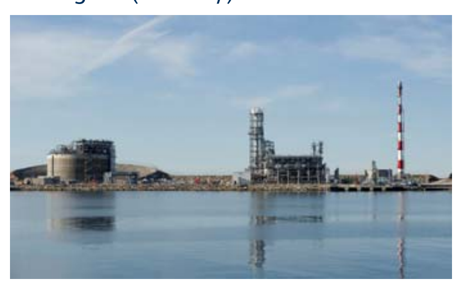
LNG terminal in Nynäshamn, Stockholm

No natural gas pipeline grid

Nynas refinery

Stockholm Gas town gas grid

Skangass (Norway)



Mega-trend Energy/Environment

CO_2 Handling (OCAP, NL) – CO_2 for greenhouses

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- Instead of using CO_2 previously generated by gas furnaces (CO_2 is needed for the photosynthesis of plants), many greenhouses between Amsterdam and Rotterdam are using today CO_2 from a Shell refinery near Rotterdam.
- The company OCAP (50/50 JV of Linde and VolkerWessels) currently delivers > 300k tons of CO_2 from the refinery to over 550 greenhouses.
- The greenhouses are connected via an 85 km transportation pipeline (connected to nearly 150 km of distribution lines).
- This recycling solution prevents the combustion of 95 million cubic metres of natural gas, and by this reduces the CO_2 emissions of the greenhouses by 170k tons per annum (= average emission of an Western European town with 100k inhabitants).
- It also makes the usage of CO_2 more accurate and thereby offers our customers additional production benefits.

Mega-trend Energy/Environment
Bio to Liquids – JV with Waste Management (US)

- World's largest biofuel plant producing liquid natural gas (LNG) from landfill gas, located at Waste Management's Altamont Landfill and Resource Recovery facility in California.
- The plant is owned and operated by a joint venture between Linde and Waste Management.
- The plant has produced > 2 million gallons of LNG since start-up in Sept 2009.
- Waste Management is using the LNG to fuel around 300 refuse trucks.
- The renewable LNG reduces carbon emissions by 97% compared to diesel and 95% compared to pipeline natural gas.
- The JV has received many awards for the project, incl. the 2010 California Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award.
- Based on the success of this plant, Linde and Waste Management are excited about evaluating other similar opportunities.

Gases Division, sales by product areas
Business environment further improving in all product areas

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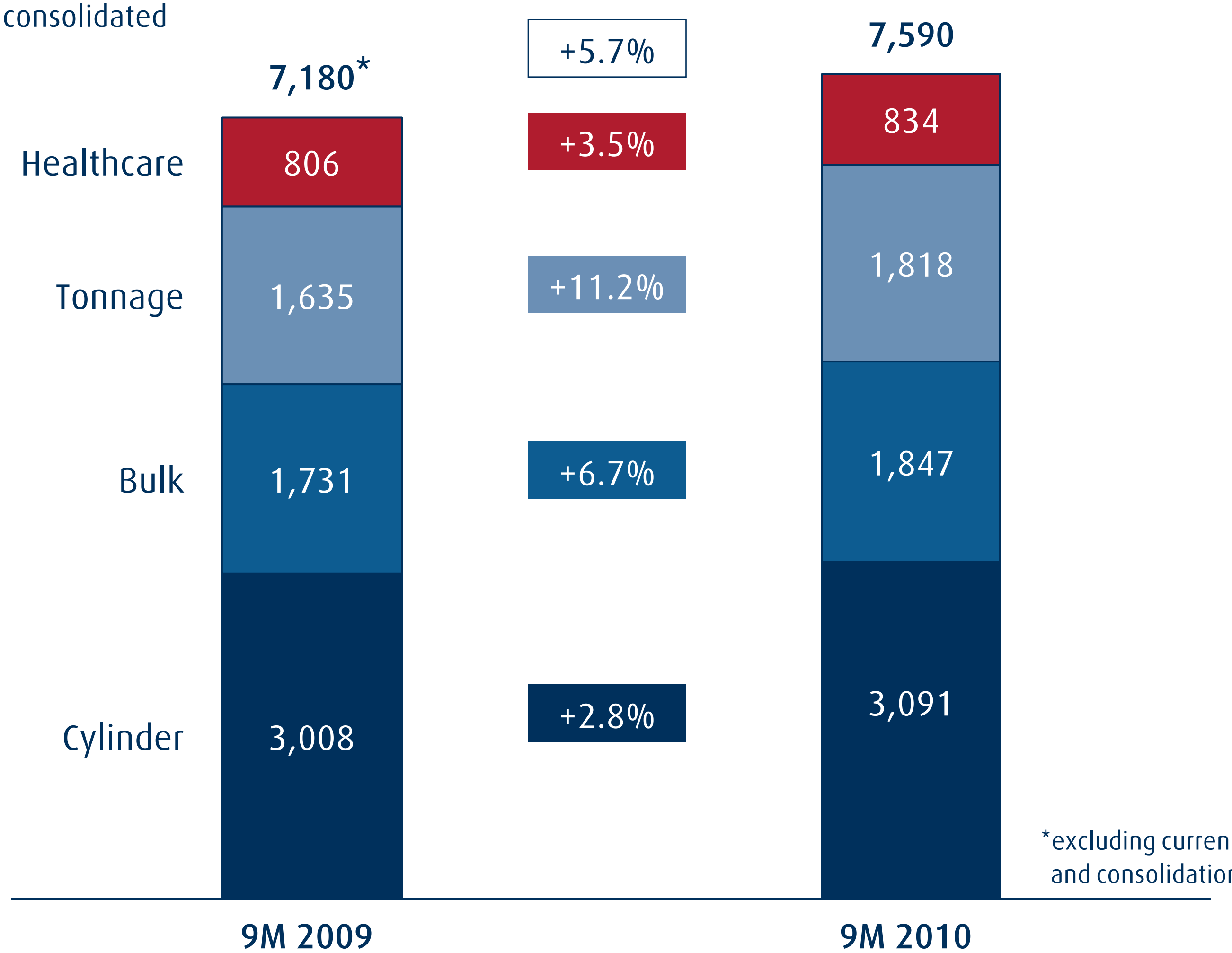
in € million,
comparable*, consolidated

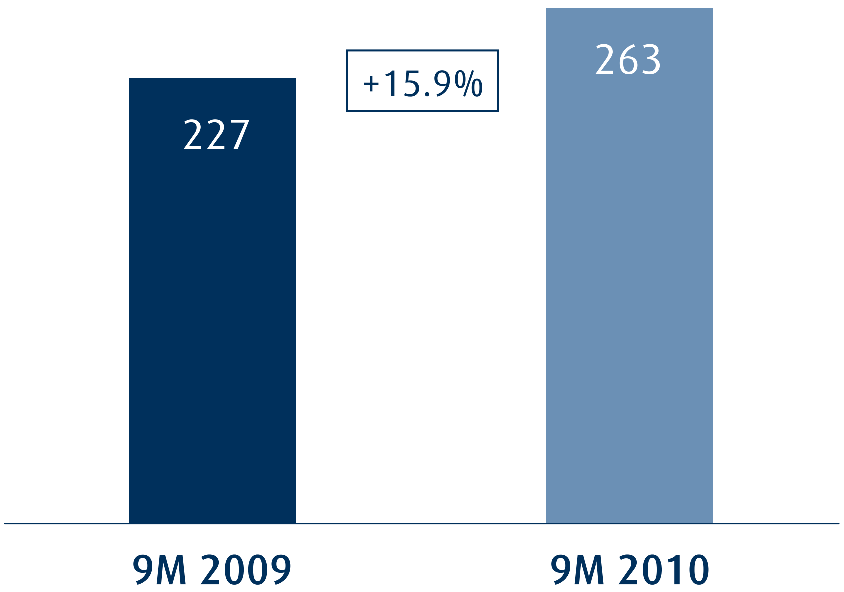


*excluding currency, natural gas price and consolidation effect

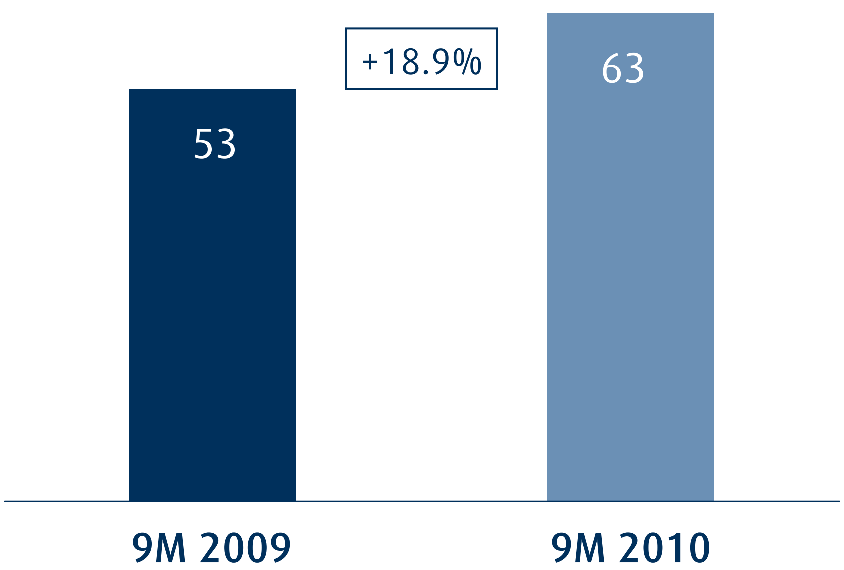
Gases Division, Joint Ventures
Asian projects drive growth of our JV sales

in € million

Proportionate Sales
(not incl. in the Group top-line)



Share of Net Income
(contribution to operating profit)



Gases Division, 2009 sales bridge

Limited sales decline of 5.1% on comparable basis

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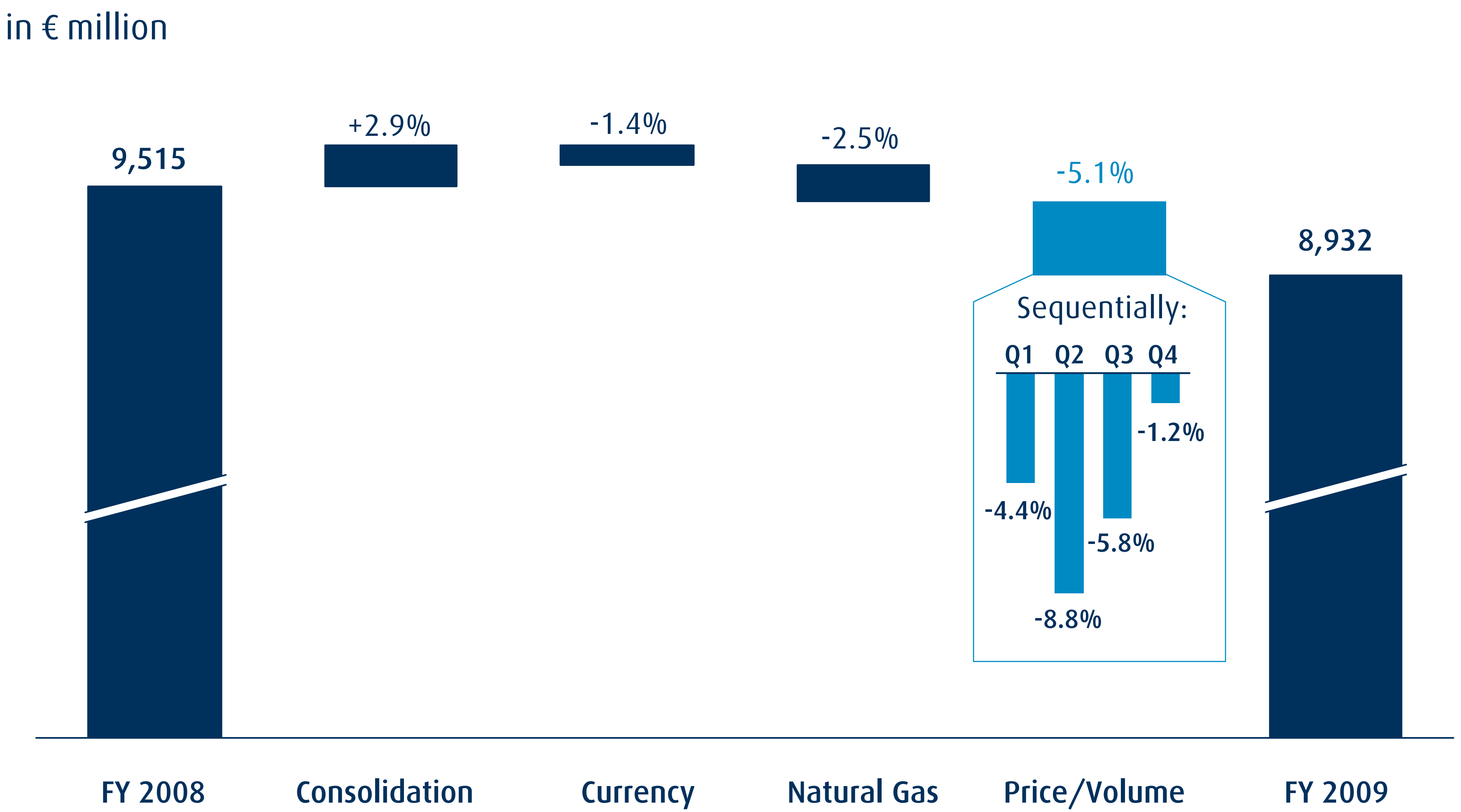

Engineering Division, financial track record

Leading market position in all segments

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Air Separation Plants

Top 1

Products:

- Oxygen
- Nitrogen
- Rare gases

Main competitors:
Air Liquide, Air Products, Praxair

Hydrogen and Synthesis Gas Plants

Top 2

Products:

- H_2/CO/Syngas
- Ammonia
- Gas removal
- Gas purification

Main competitors:
Technip, Haldor Topsoe, Lurgi, Uhde

Olefin Plants

Top 2

Products:

- Ethylene
- Propylene
- Butadiene
- Aromatics
- Polymers

Main competitors:
Technip, ABB Lummus, Stone & Webster, KBR, Toyo

Natural Gas Plants

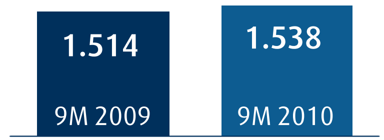
Top 3

Products:

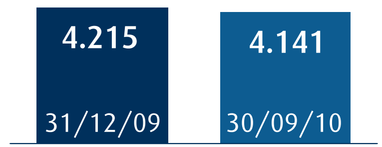
- LNG
- NGL
- LPG
- Helium

Main competitors:
Chiyoda, Bechtel, JGC, KBR, Technip, Snam, Air Products

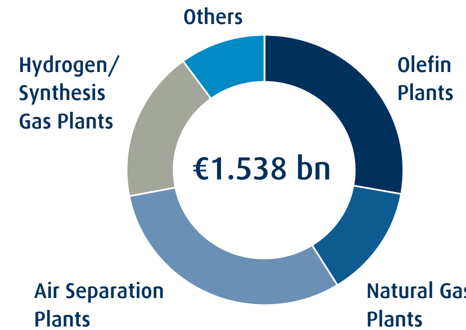
Order intake, € bn



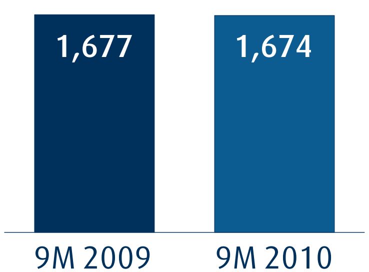
Order backlog, € bn



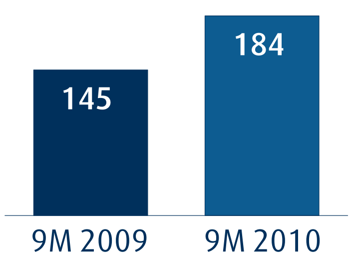
9M 2010 order intake by segment



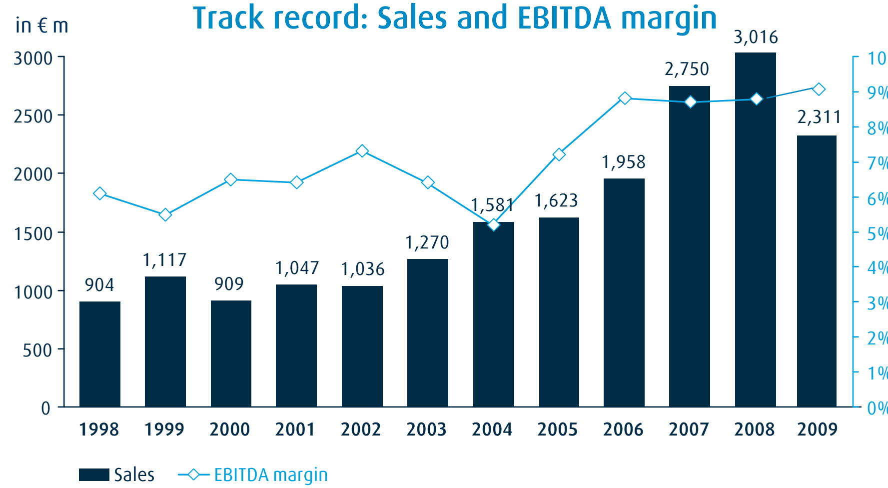
Sales, € m



Operating Profit, € m



Track record: Sales and EBITDA margin



HPO
A wide spectrum of productivity improving initiatives

From 2009 Quick-start initiatives (Examples) ...

- Additional plants rolled into existing Remote Operating Centres (ROCs)
- Harmonisation and capability enhancements of existing logistic systems
- Pilots to explore and validate best-practice optimisation levers for cylinder filling
- Further roll-out of category management resulting in, e.g., increased sourcing from low-cost countries
- Further automation and standardisation of management reporting

... to LeadIng processes by 2012 (Examples)

- All plants controlled via Regional and Global ROCs using advanced control systems
- One common platform for scheduling and routing in all geographies
- Most filling plants employing best-practice processes, optimised plant layout, and uniform performance measurement and management
- Harmonised processes, tools & standards across the Group to fully realise the benefits of Linde's buying power
- Highly efficient transactional processes in Sales and Administration functions

HPO
More than pure cost cutting

Better leverage synergies between our Gases and Engineering Divisions

— Higher standardisation of ASUs: focus on a limited number of plant types
— Lower lead times: reduced delivery times to less than 24 months
— Lower costs: cut of total installed costs by more than 20%
— Thus making offerings of the Gases Division more attractive to its customers

Support productivity gains by further process excellence in the organisation

— Shared best practices in contract management
— Further improved pricing performance by leveraging best practices

Invest in our employees

— People excellence: make every individual a High Performer in his activity field

Group, FY 2009
Cash flow statement

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in € million	Q1 09	Q2 09	Q3 09	Q4 09	2009	2008
Operating Profit	538	566	637	644	2,385	2,555
Change in Working Capital	-37	47	15	135	160	-197
Other changes	-89	-184	-69	-61	-97	-253
Operating Cash flow	**412**	**429**	**583**	**718**	**2,142**	**1,876**
Investments in tangibles / intangibles	-267	-276	-223	-338	-1,104	-1,404
Acquisitions / Financial investments	-60	-9	-12	-5	-86	-213
Other	45	31	56	68	200	345
Investment Cash flow	**-282**	**-254**	**-179**	**-275**	**-990**	**-1,272**
Free Cashflow before financing	**130**	**175**	**404**	**443**	**1,152**	**604**
Financing activities	**-41**	**-416**	**-107**	**-66**	**-630**	**-712**
Net debt increase (+) / reduction (-)	**-89**	**241**	**-297**	**-377**	**-522**	**108**

Group, 2009 Cash Flow
Strong free cash flow generation in the crisis

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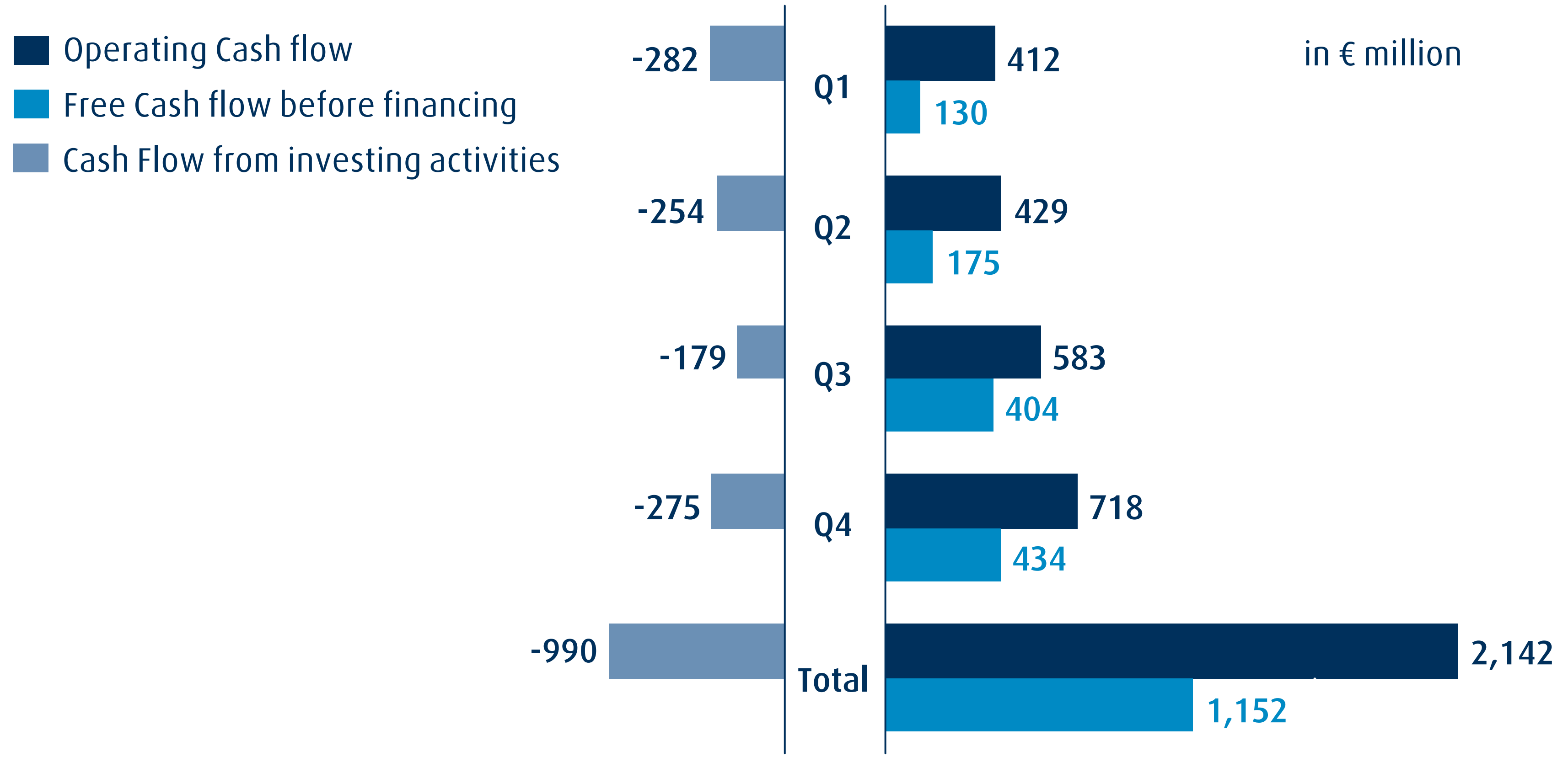
Tight discretionary capex management leaves more than €1 bn free cash flow before financing



Group, 2009 Cash Flow
Balanced use between growth, deleveraging and dividends

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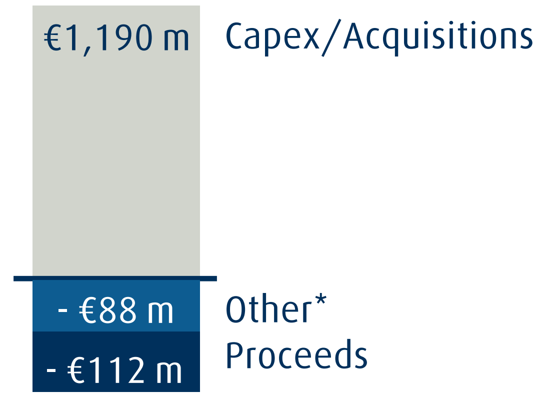
Invest for sustainable profitable growth

— Strong capex discipline on Merchant investments
— Committment to contracted tonnage projects
— Bolt-on acquisitions in attractive growth markets

Capex/Sales	Group	Gases
2008	11.6%	15.2%
2009	10.1%	11.5%

In line with our mid-term 13% target ratio

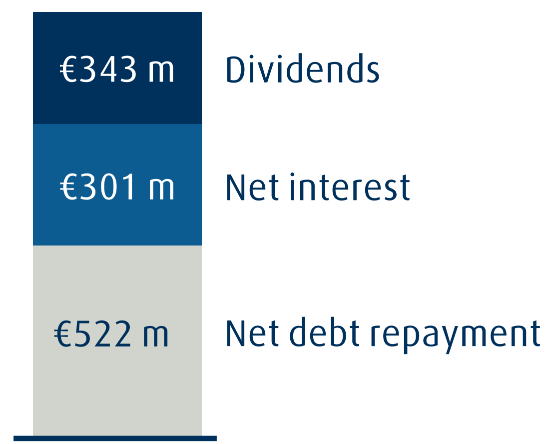
Investing Cash Flow: €990 m



Balanced use of Free Cash Flow after Capex

— Maintained stable reflecting the resilient operating performance through the crisis
— Market environment allowed significantly lower interest costs on variable-rate debt
— Cash redemption not fully visible in the net debt development due to adverse currency effects

Free Cash Flow before financing: €1,152 m



* Includes payments for investments in current financial assets; and reconciliation of posted capex and the cash out for capex

Gases Division, 2009 Capex

Capex split by operating segments (excl. financial assets)

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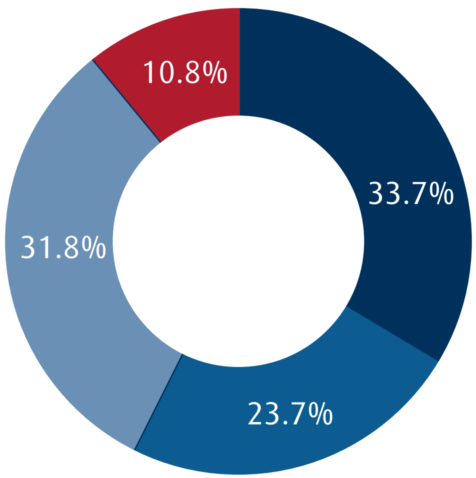
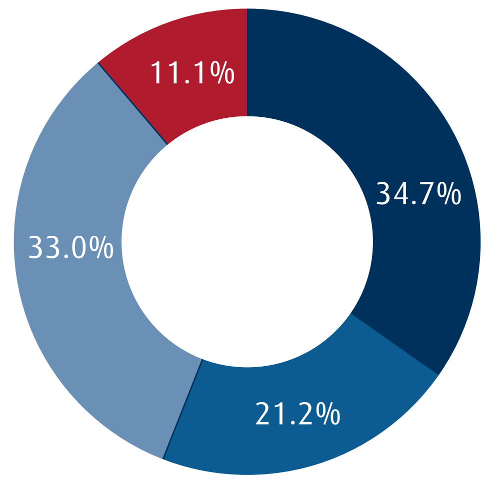
2009: €1.029 bn



2007-09: €3.542 bn



Western Europe | Americas | Asia & Eastern Europe | South Pacific & Africa

Group, solid financial position
Stable long-term financing

Well-spread maturity profile

Regular issues have continuously lengthened our refinancing schedule

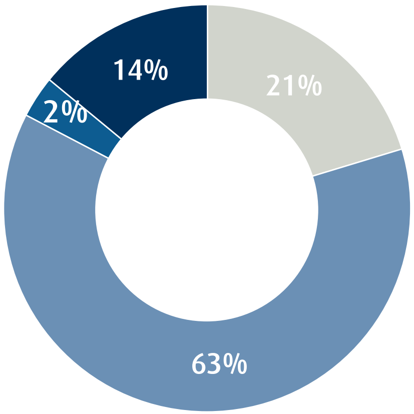
95% of total financial debt is due beyond 2010

55% of total financial debt has a longer maturity than 5 years

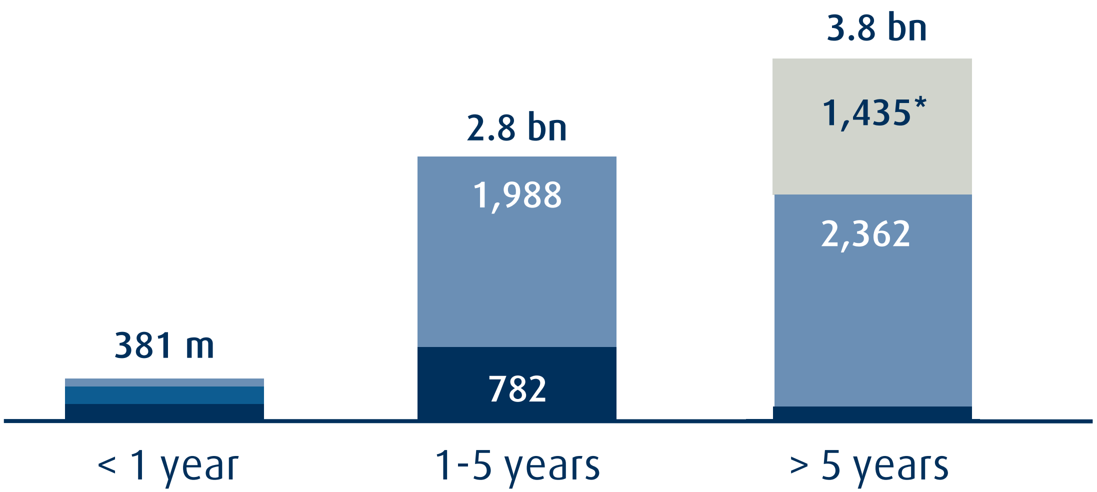
Balanced mix of various financing instruments

Long-term capital market financing: bonds cover > 80% of financial debt

Financial debt, by instrument



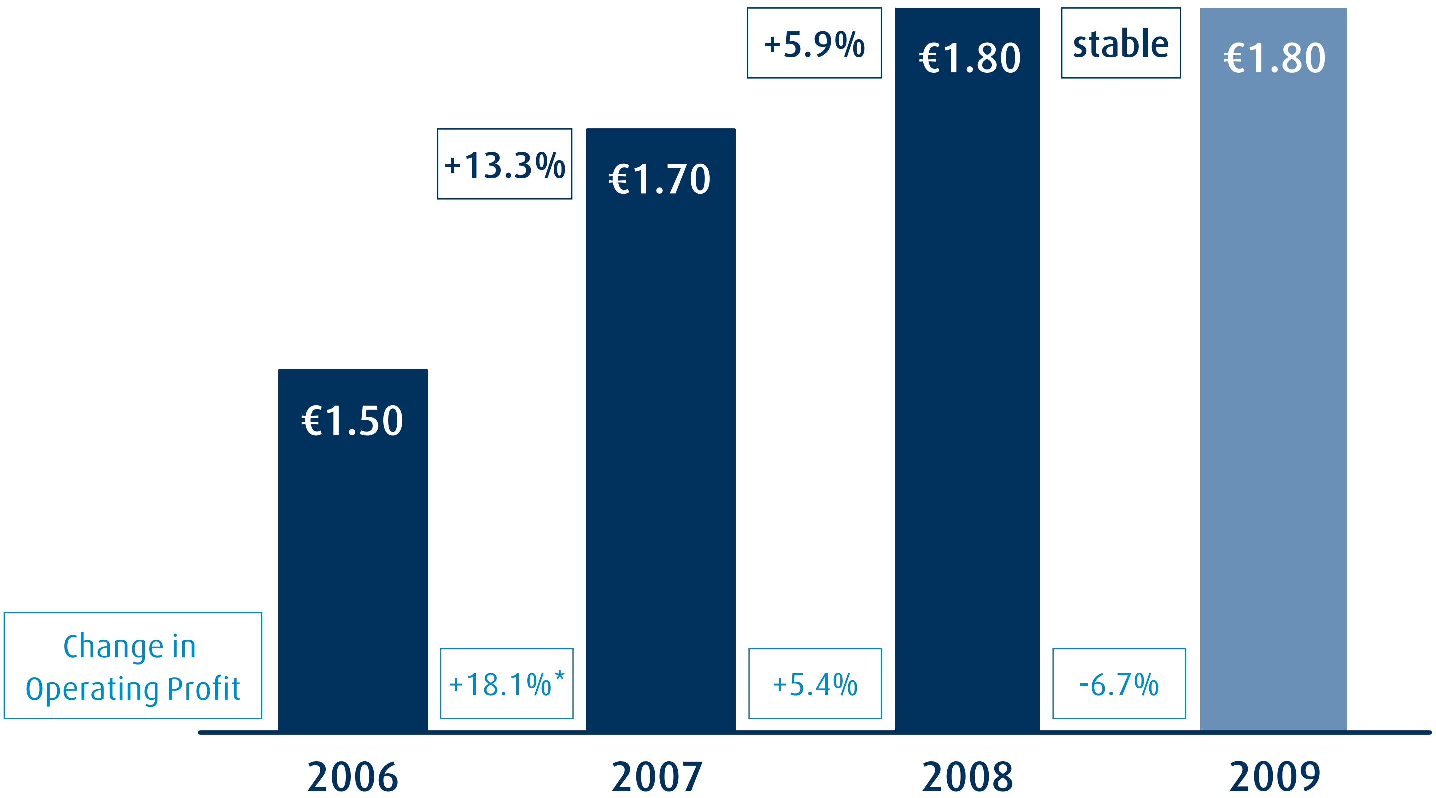
Financial debt, by maturity (in € m, ∑ bn), as of 31/12/09



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

Group, Dividends
Dividend unchanged of €1.80

Consistent dividend policy



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

Group, Pensions
Key figures

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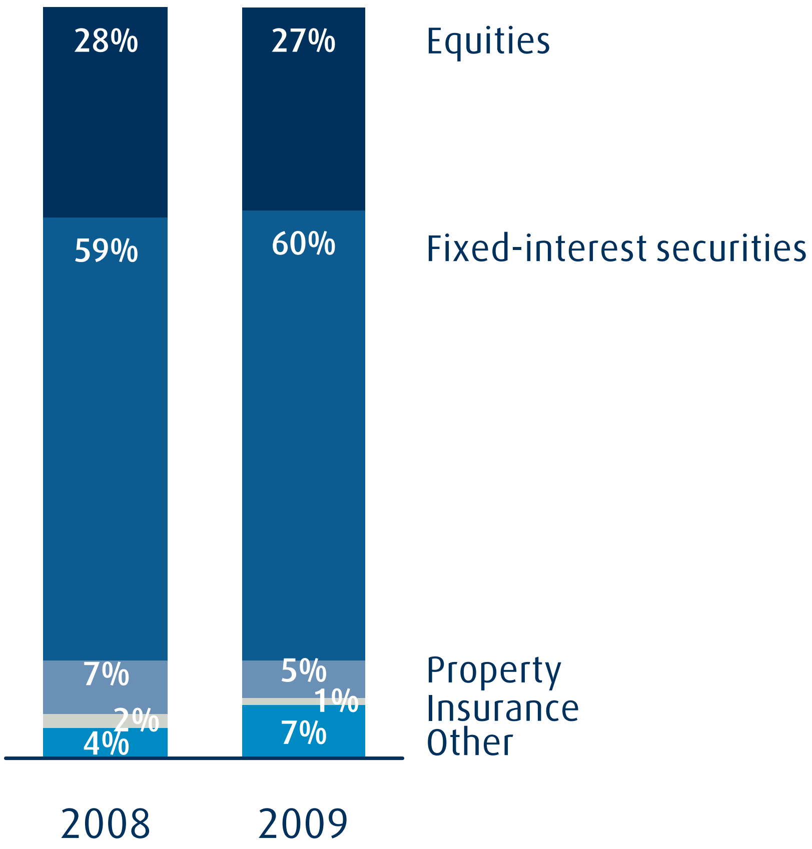
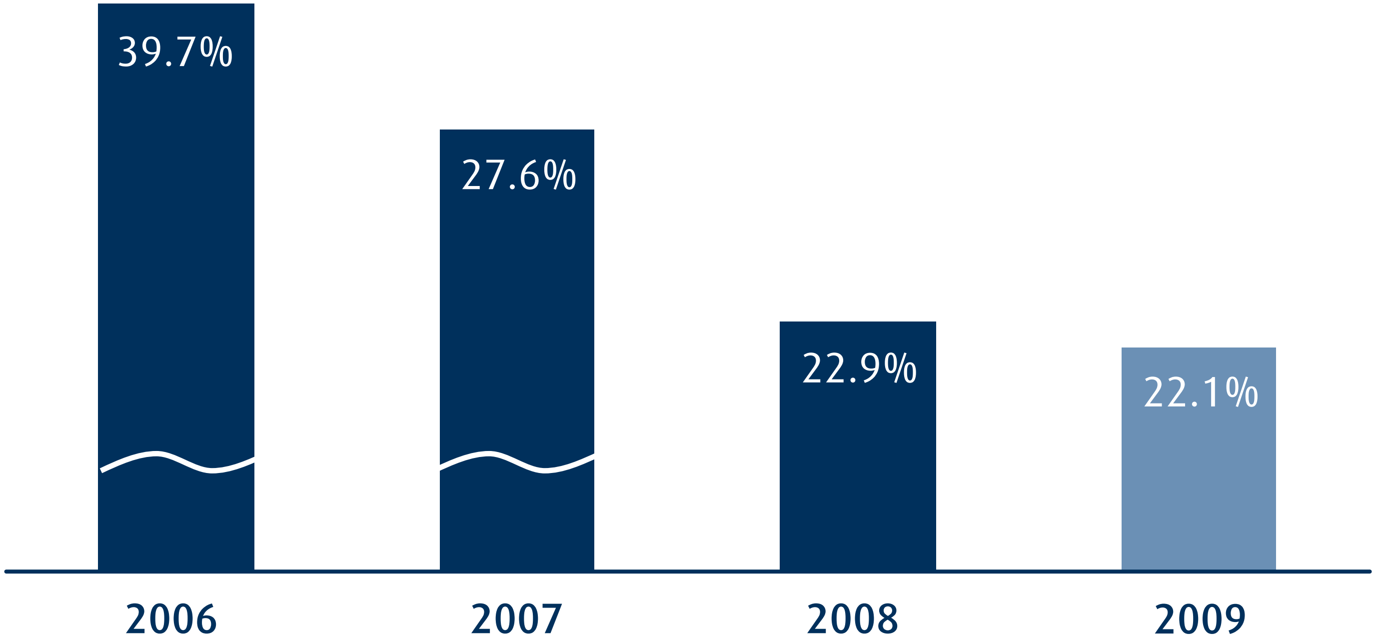
Net obligation

in € million	DBO	Plan asset	Net obligation
01.01.2009	4,097	3,453	644
Service costs	77		77
Net financing	238	195	43
Actuarial gains/losses	514	253	261
Contributions/payments	−227	−45	−182
FX	235	228	7
Other	-190	-188	-2
31.12.2009	4,744	3,896	848

Pension plan assets portfolio structure



Group, Tax
Development of tax rate



Target range for 2010: 24-26%

Group
Reconciliation of Capital Employed

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in € million	31.12.2008 Key Financial Figures	31.12.2009 As reported	Non-GAAP adjustment	Key Financial Figures	Effects
Equity incl. minority interest	**7,116**	**9,187**	**-952**	**8,235**	**PPA and disposal effects**
Plus: net debt	6,423	6,119		6,119	
Plus: liabilities from financial services	34	28		28	
Less: receivables from financial services	746	645		645	
Balance of financial debt	**5,711**	**5,502**		**5,502**	
Net pension obligations	681	887		887	
Capital employed	**13,508**	**15,576**	-952	**14,624**	
Average Capital employed	**13,696**	**15,109**		**14,066**	
Return on Capital Employed (ROCE)	**12.4 %**	**7.7 %**		**10.4 %**	

Group
Reconciliation of EPS

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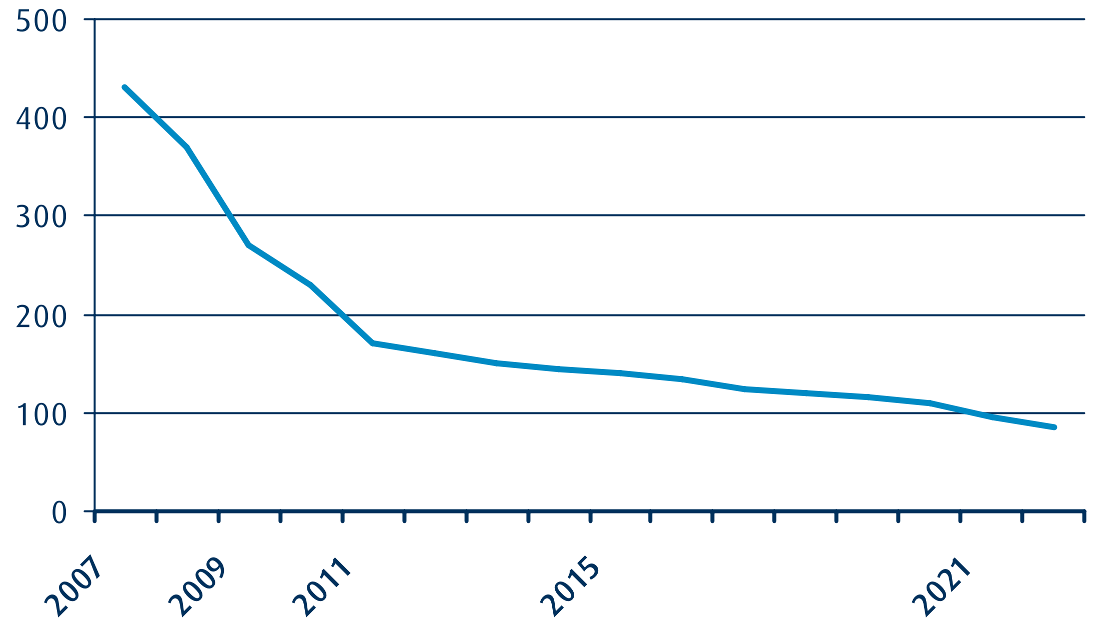
in € million	31.12.2008 Key Financial Figures	31.12.2009 As reported	Non-GAAP adjustment	Key Financial Figures	Effects
EBIT before special items	**1,703**	**1,167**	**293**	**1,460**	**PPA**
Taxes on income	-342	-185	-112	-297	deferred taxes on PPA
Earnings after taxes and minority interest	**917**	**591**	**181**	**772**	
EPS (in €)	**5.46**	**3.51**		**4.58**	
Weighted average no. of shares (in million)	167,8	168,6		168,6	

Group, Purchase Price Allocation
Confirmation of expected Depreciation & Amortisation

Development of depreciation and amortisation (in € million)

Impact in 2009: €293 million

Expected range	
2010	> 200 – 250
2011	> 175 – 225
…	
2022	< 100



Group, Mandatory adoption of IFRIC 4
Expected impact on sales and EBITDA

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The Linde Group shows a significant amount of plants as embedded finance leases due to the adoption of IFRIC 4

Sales and EBITDA from IFRIC 4 plants not recognized through reported sales and EBITDA in 2009: **€-120 million**

Receivables from Financial Services (= PV of minimum lease payments): 31/12/2009 **€645 million**
31/12/2008 €746 million

Important considerations:

- EBITDA multiple comparison with peers needs to be adjusted for IFRIC 4
- Reported operating profit margin for Gases Division in 2009 is 100 bps lower due to EFL
- Reported tonnage sales do not include sales from plants treated under IFRIC4

Very minor impact on EPS, no impact on Free Cash Flow

in € million	Gross investment	PV of minimum lease payments
Due within 2010	112	75
Due within one to five years	395	279
Due in more than five years	346	291
Total	**853**	**645**

Future reduction in Sales and EBITDA (Gross investment)

Amortization of lease receivable (PV of minimum lease payments)

Group, Accounting considerations
Impact of PPA and EFL

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Purchase Price Allocation (PPA)

Impact in 9M 2010: €191 m (9M 2009: €221 m)

Expected impact FY 2010: €200-250 m

Background:

- The difference between the purchase cost of BOC and related acquisitions in Asia and their net asset value has been allocated to assets on the Linde balance sheet (for BOC, see Linde 2007 annual report, p. 99).
- The revaluation of these assets leads to additional depreciation and amortisation charges according to the useful life of the assets.
- Goodwill is not amortised but subject to a yearly impairment test.
- Depreciation & Amortisation from PPA is excluded from the calculation of Adjusted EPS.

IFRIC 4: Embedded Finance Lease (EFL)

Impact* in 9M 2010 : €-89 m (9M 2009 : €-94 m)

Expected impact* FY 2010: €-123 m *(on Sales and EBITDA)

Background:

- Tonnage contracts dedicated to one single customer (> 95% of sales), who covers all major market risks, have to be treated under IFRS like an embedded finance lease.
- The related cash flow streams are therefore no more booked as sales and operating profit but recognised as amortisation of financial receivables in the balance sheet and financial income in the P&L.
- EBITDA multiple comparison with peers needs to be adjusted for IFRIC 4
- Very minor impact on EPS, no impact on Free Cash Flow

Definition of financial key figures

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Operating Profit	**Return**	EBITDA (incl. IFRIC 4 adjustment) excl. finance costs for pensions excl. non-recurring 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 +/- non-recurring items
	Shares	average outstanding shares

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