



The Linde Group

The Linde Group is a world leading gases and engineering company with almost 52,000 employees working in around 100 countries worldwide. In the 2008 financial year, it achieved sales of EUR 12.663 bn.

Gases Division

The Group comprises three divisions: Gases and Engineering (the two core divisions) and Gist (logistics services). The largest division, Gases, has four operating segments, Western Europe, the Americas, Asia & Eastern Europe, and South Pacific & Africa, which are subdivided into nine Regional Business Units (RBUs). The Gases Division also includes the two Global Business Units (GBUs) – Healthcare (medical gases) and Tonnage (on-site) – and the two Business Areas (BAs) – Merchant & Packaged Gases (liquefied and cylinder gases) and Electronics (electronic gases). We offer a wide range of compressed and liquefied gases as well as chemicals and we are therefore an important and reliable partner for a huge variety of industries. Our gases are used, for example, in the energy sector, in steel production, chemical processing, environmental protection and welding, as well as in food processing, glass production and electronics. We are also investing in the expansion of our fast-growing Healthcare business, i.e. medical gases, and we are a leading global player in the development of environmentally friendly hydrogen technology.

Engineering Division

Our Engineering Division is successful throughout the world, with its focus on promising market segments such as olefin plants, natural gas plants and air separation plants, as well as hydrogen and synthesis gas plants. In contrast to virtually all our competitors, we are able to call on our own extensive process engineering know-how in the planning, project development and construction of turnkey industrial plants. Linde plants are used in a wide variety of fields: in the petrochemical and chemical industries, in refineries and fertiliser plants, to recover air gases, to produce hydrogen and synthesis gases, to treat natural gas and in the pharmaceutical industry. We enjoy worldwide reach with around 5,200 employees staffing over 20 Group companies and local offices. More than 4,000 plants in 100 countries and over 1,500 process engineering patents bear testament to the exceptional scope of this business area.

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