Hydrogen Growth
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Operating Model

♦ Focus on 10 core geographies

♦ Optimize 5 growing opportunities
  • H₂ / Energy
  • Electronics
  • Healthcare
  • China
  • Application technologies

♦ Relentless focus on execution
  • Productivity savings > $100MM/yr
    • Procurement
    • Global operational excellence
    • Six Sigma
  • Flawless project execution

Return on capital substantially better than peers

2003 ROC %

ROC=Net Operating Profit After Tax/Average Capital

Source: Bloomberg and company reports
2003 Praxair End Markets

- Manufacturing: 22%
- Metals: 15%
- Other: 13%
- Electronics: 11%
- Aerospace: 4%
- Chemicals: 11%
- Energy: 10%
- Food and Beverage: 8%
- Healthcare: 10%

Applications Technology

- Productivity
- Cycle Time
- Yield

- Energy
- Oxyfuel Combustion
- Hydrogen

- Environmental
- Air Quality
- Water Treatment

Gas consumption intensity continues to grow
The global hydrogen market is expected to grow 12%-15% per year primarily from refining demand in the United States

*Praxair Estimate
Key Praxair Hydrogen Facilities

Global hydrogen production capacity installed and under construction 850 MMSCFD

* 2 new 100MMSCFD SMR’s in Q2 2004
North American Key Drivers for Hydrogen Growth

- Heavier/sour crude supply (hydrocracking and hydrotreating)
- Environmental regulations require cleaner fuels (hydrotreating)
- Over the fence supply - outsourcing
- Crude refining capacity will increase 15-20% over the next 10 years* 

*Praxair estimate

Hydrogen use by North American refiners will grow significantly faster than global growth rates
## EPA Regulations - Update

### Sulfur Fuel Specifications

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*Hydrogen growth story continues*
Praxair US Gulf Coast Pipeline System

310 miles of H2 pipeline
45 customers
Gulf Coast Customers Are Complex

Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts (PADD) Regions

Gulf Coast customers are the largest and most complex

Maximum Hydrogen Intensity

*Equivalent Distillation Capacity “EDC”*
Praxair Gulf Coast Hydrogen Growth

Average Daily Volume

29% CAGR

300 MMSCFD signed - 200MMSCFD more anticipated
Gulf Coast Hydrogen Complex - Update

♦ Starting up new 100MMSCF steam methane reformer in Texas City. Expect full production by end of Q2

♦ Second new 100MMSCFD plant to start up in Port Arthur by July

♦ Additional production capacity will be required to support future contracts

### Fourth Quarter Run Rate ($MM)

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<th>2003 Q4A</th>
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<td>Volume (MMSCF/day)</td>
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<td>Sales</td>
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<td>NG Pass Thru¹</td>
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<td>Value Added Sales</td>
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<td>Operating Profit</td>
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<td>EBITDA (annualized pretax)</td>
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1) Assumes a natural gas price of $5.00/MMBTU
2) Operating profit plus depreciation
3) Invested Capital equals net PP&E, goodwill and accounts receivable
The Praxair Investment Case - Sustainable Growth

♦ Operating leverage to an improving US economy
  – Applications technology drives growth at a multiple of industrial production

♦ 5 key growth platforms will add significant additional top line growth
  – H2, Healthcare, Electronics, China, Technology licensing

♦ Continued capital and pricing discipline produce strong free cash flow and high return on capital

Praxair’s Total Shareholder Return has outperformed its industrial gas competitors and the S & P 500 over 1, 5, and 10 years
Principles of Sustainability

Governance and Integrity
Foster a culture of integrity and accountability throughout the company through rigorous compliance with all laws, and by establishing and following effective corporate governance practices.

Customer Commitment
Continuously develop new products and applications that help our customers improve their productivity, energy efficiency and environmental performance. Provide the highest levels of service, reliability and quality to our customers.

Environmental Responsibility
Continue to improve the efficiency of energy consumption. Reduce the intensity\(^1\) of air emissions, including greenhouse gases.

Employee Safety and Development
Maintain a safe work environment with a goal of zero accidents. Provide training and career opportunities that allow employees to develop to their fullest potential. Increase the diversity of our workforce so that it is more representative of the communities in which we operate.

Community Support
Help to improve the welfare and future of the communities in which we operate by sharing our knowledge, expertise and resources related to environmental protection, and community health, safety and security.

Financial Performance
Continuously improve our financial performance and provide attractive returns to our shareholders. Generate operating cash flow to reinvest in business growth and pay dividends.

\(^1\)Intensity is per-unit-of-production measure