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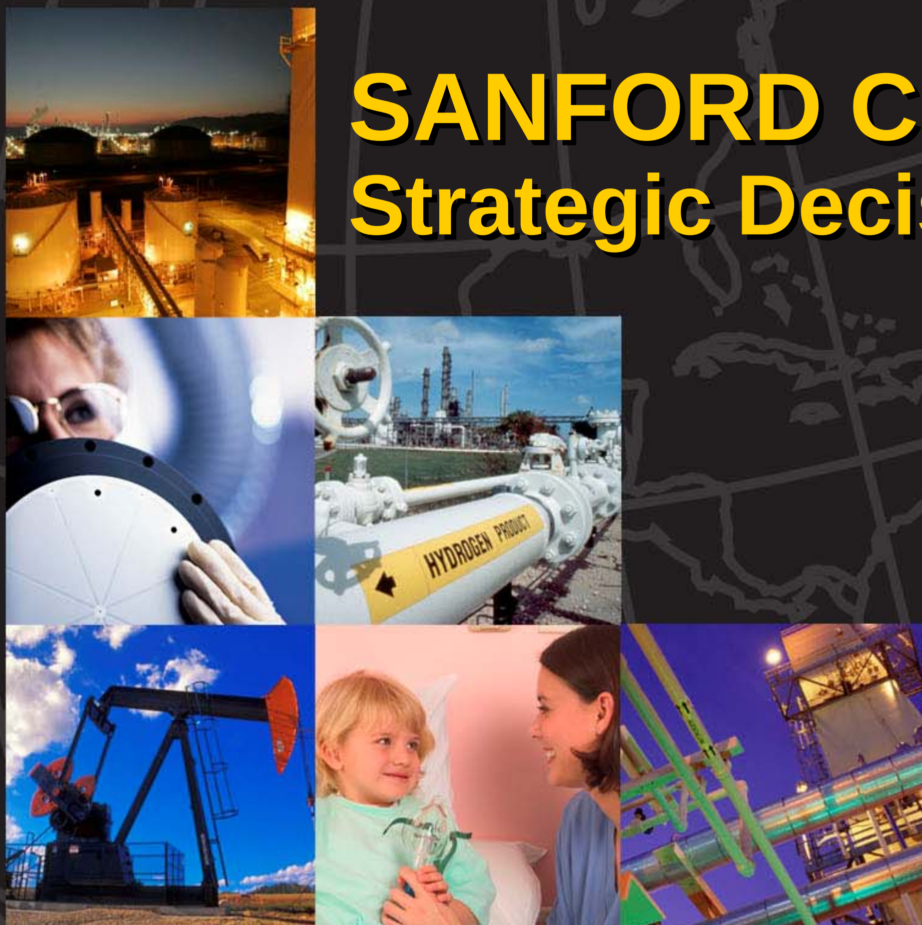

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Chairman and CEO

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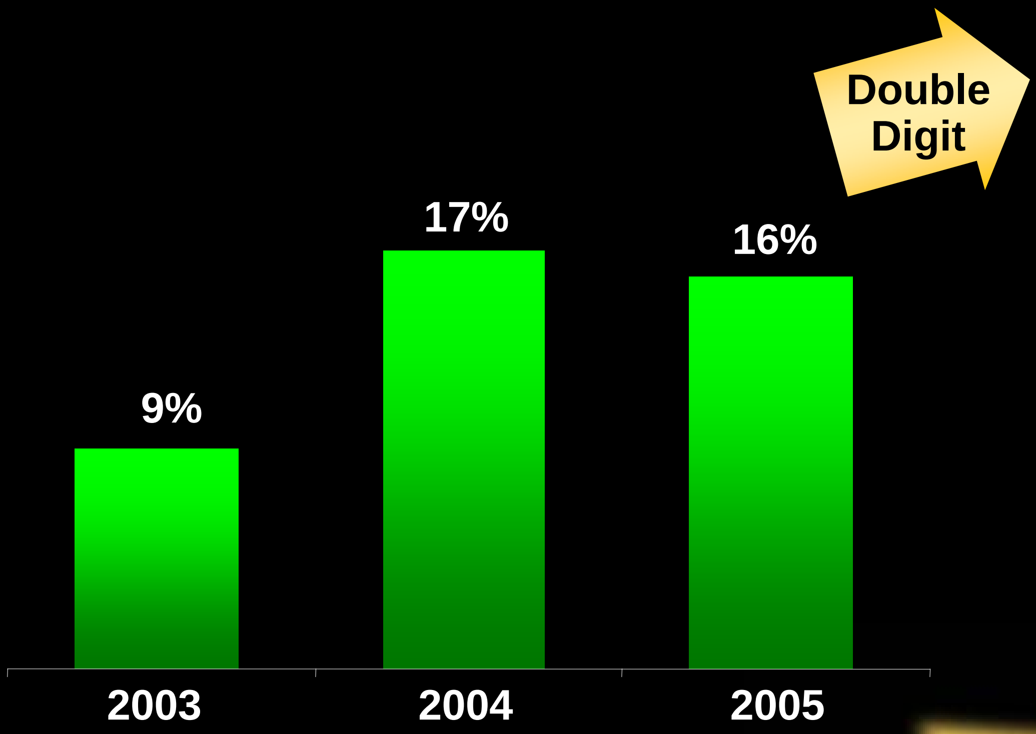
Driving Growth & Profitability

Step Change in Revenue Growth



Maintaining Discipline

- Risk-based return criteria
- Minimum take-or-pay contracts
- Dollar denominated contracts
- Stable geographies

High growth without raising our risk profile

What We Are Doing

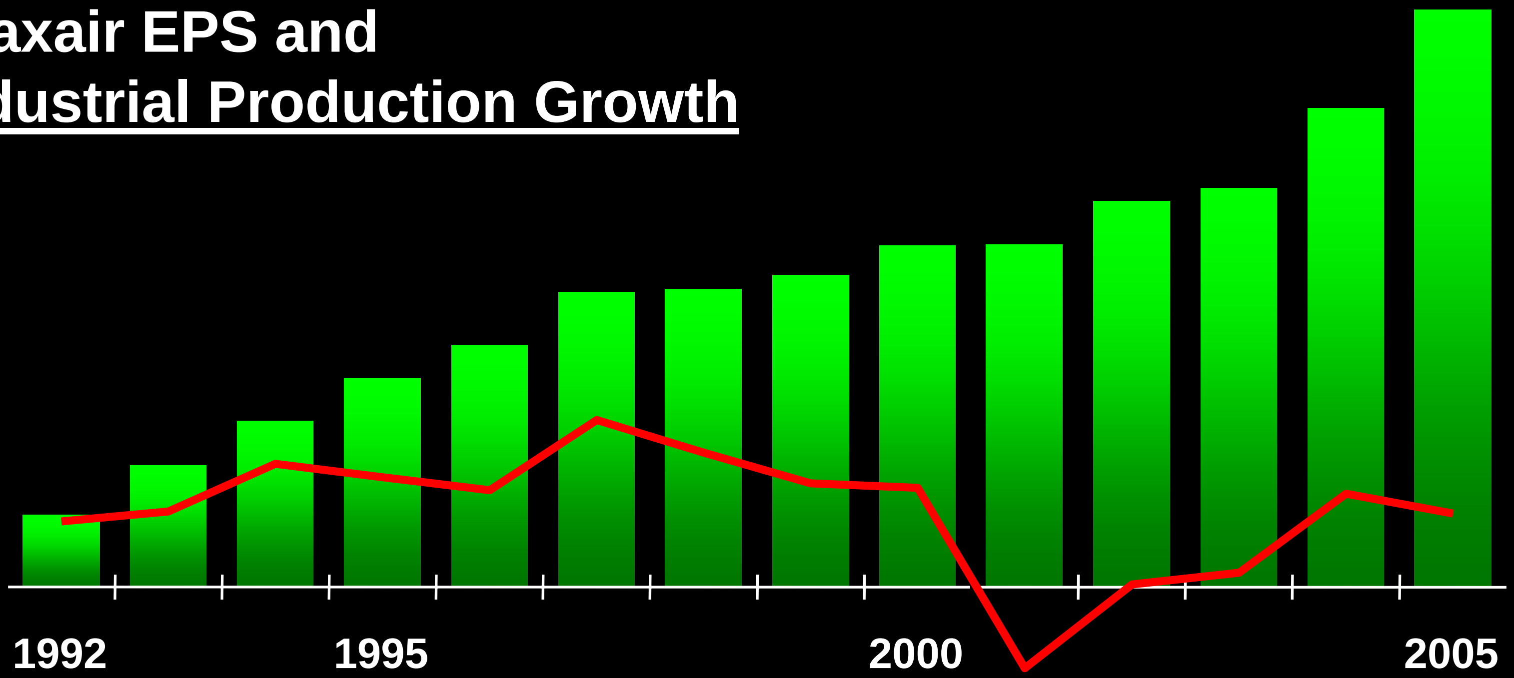
- Taking advantage of explosive growth in developing economies
  - China
  - India
  - Brazil
  - Joining the ranks of the largest economies
- Moving fast to capture opportunities
  - Refinery hydrogen
  - Oil & gas services
  - Canadian oil sands
- Managing existing business better than anyone else
  - Continuous pricing efforts
  - Keen focus on productivity
  - Application development
- Creating new markets based on industrial gases competencies
  - On demand H_2
  - LNG distribution
  - Capturing CO_2 for EOR

Providing double digit earnings growth

What We Are <u>NOT</u> Doing

- ♦ Adding speculative liquid capacity
- ♦ Losing cost discipline
- ♦ Relying on cycles for growth

Praxair EPS and
<u>Industrial Production Growth</u>



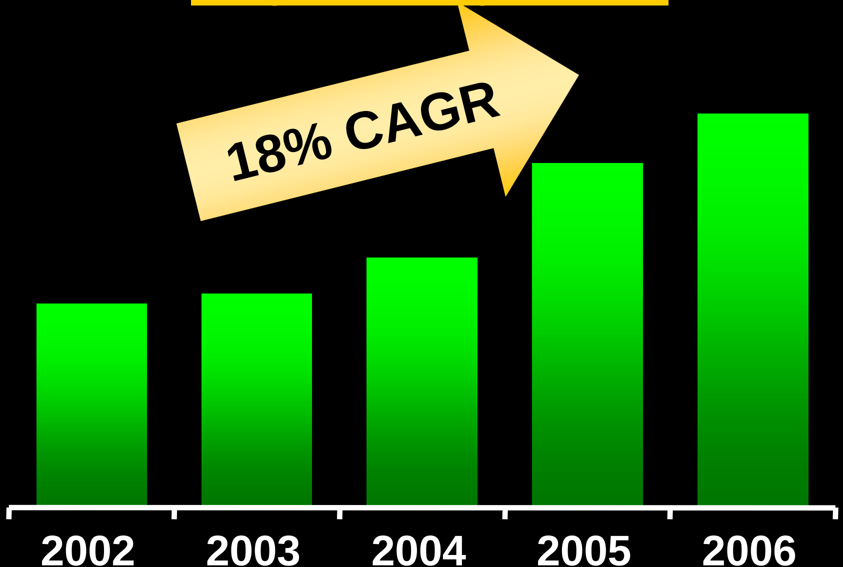
Source: Bloomberg diluted EPS from continuing operations; Global Insight US IP

Carefully managing our business to maximize shareholder value

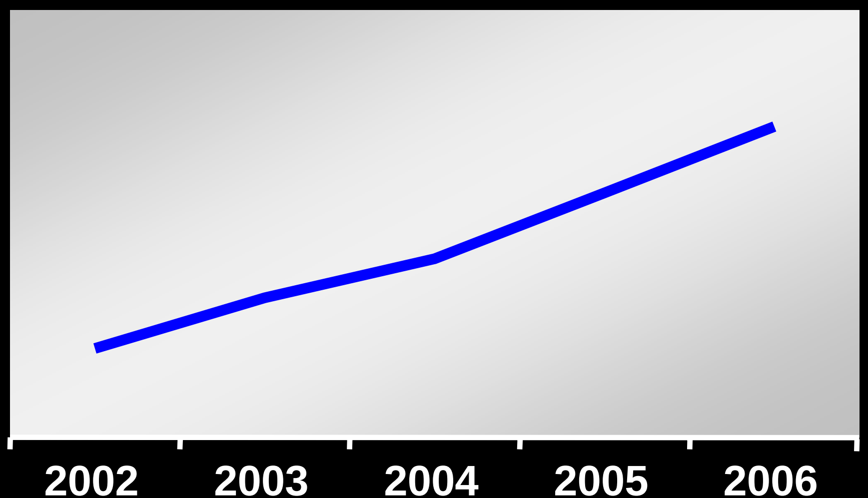
Environment Is Very Positive

- Global economy remains on sound footing
  - 4% weighted industrial production growth*
- Praxair benefiting from additional secular trends
- Our backlog has never been as strong

Engineering Hours



No. of Projects



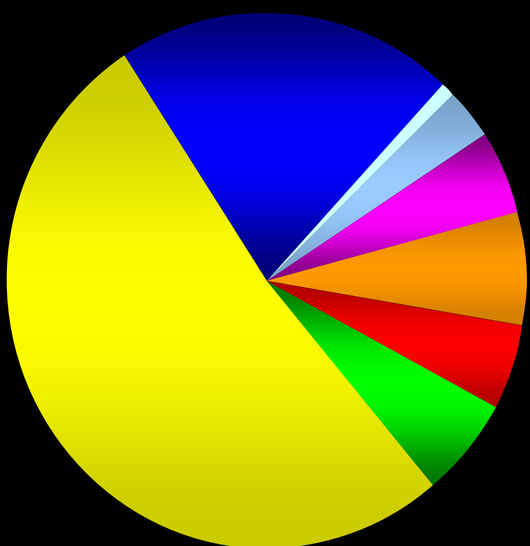
*Weighted by Praxair 2005 sales

High growth environment for at least 3 to 5 years

China - Industrial Gases Market

Total Gases Market: $2+ Billion

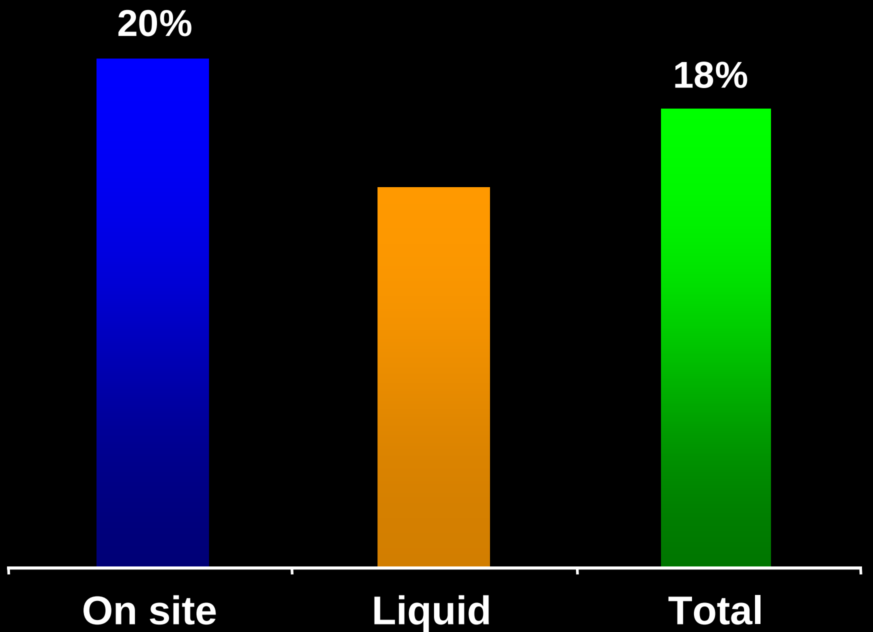
Local 19%



Global Players 29%

Comp 1: 8%
Praxair 7%
Comp 3: 6%
Comp 4: 5%
Comp 5: 2%
Comp 2: 1%

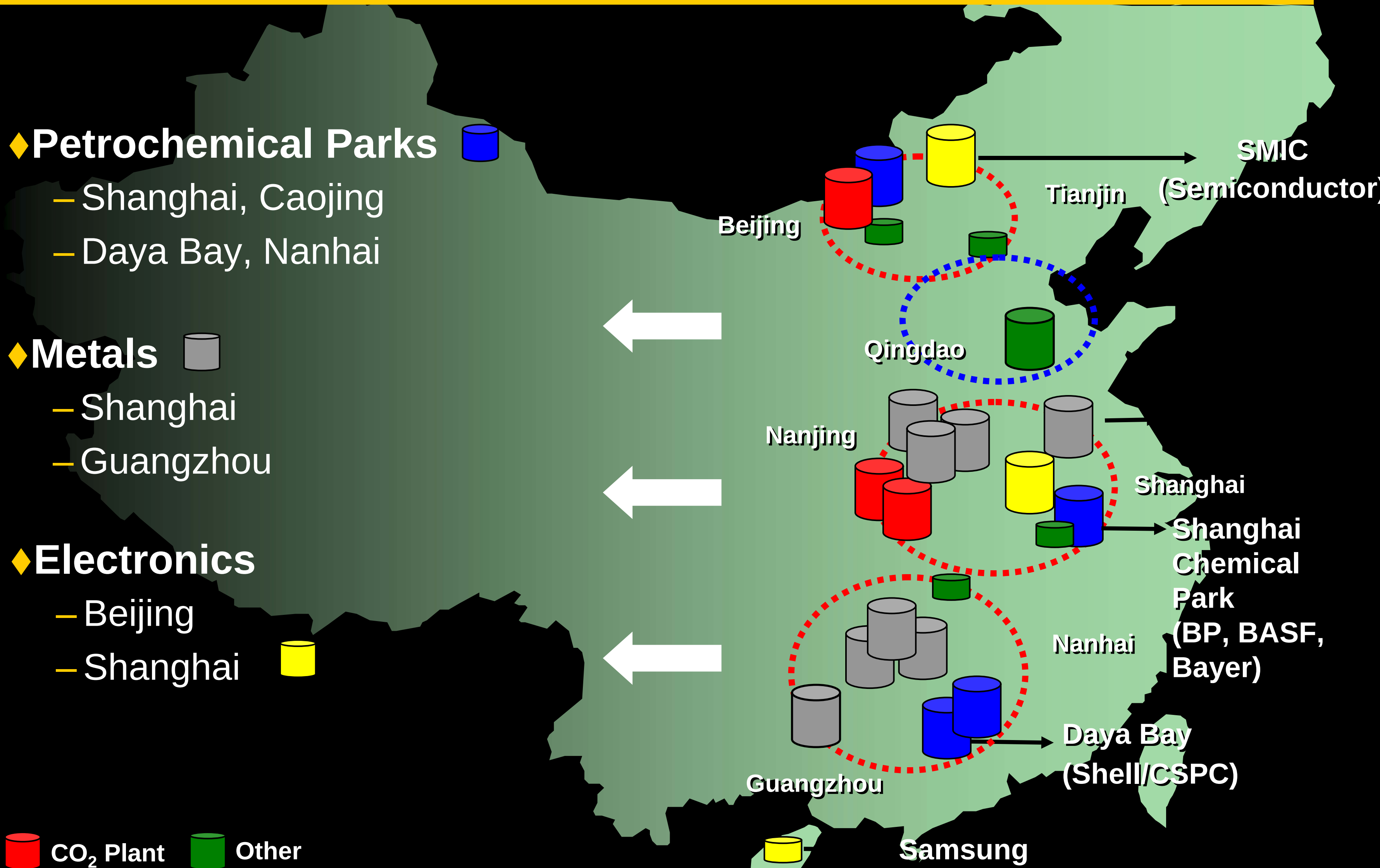
Market Growth Rate 2005-10



Praxair is a leader in a high growth market

Leading Position in China

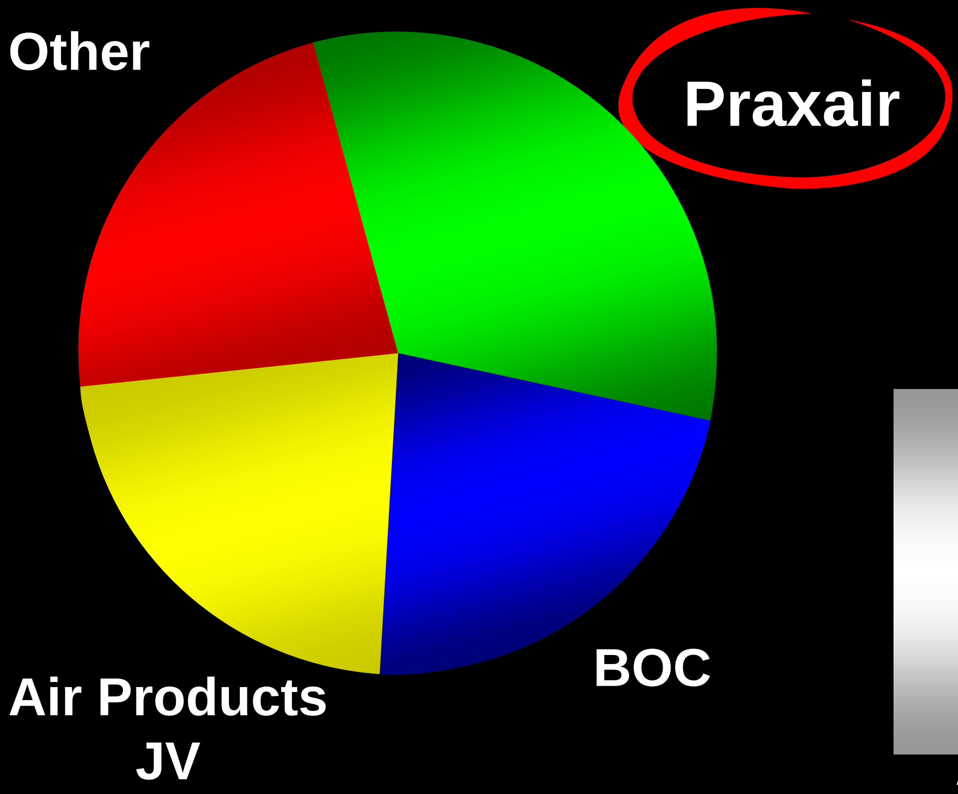
- **Petrochemical Parks**
  - Shanghai, Caojing
  - Daya Bay, Nanhai
- **Metals**
  - Shanghai
  - Guangzhou
- **Electronics**
  - Beijing
  - Shanghai



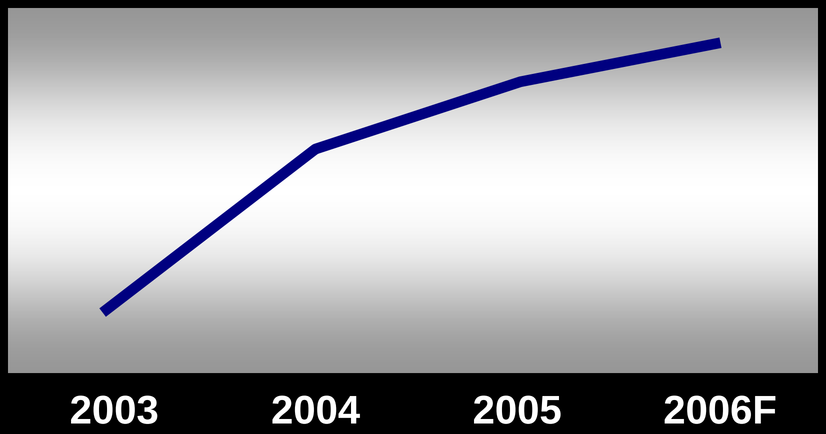
Customers moving west will create new growth opportunities

India - Strong Competitive Positioning

$350 MM industrial gas market* growing at 20% annually



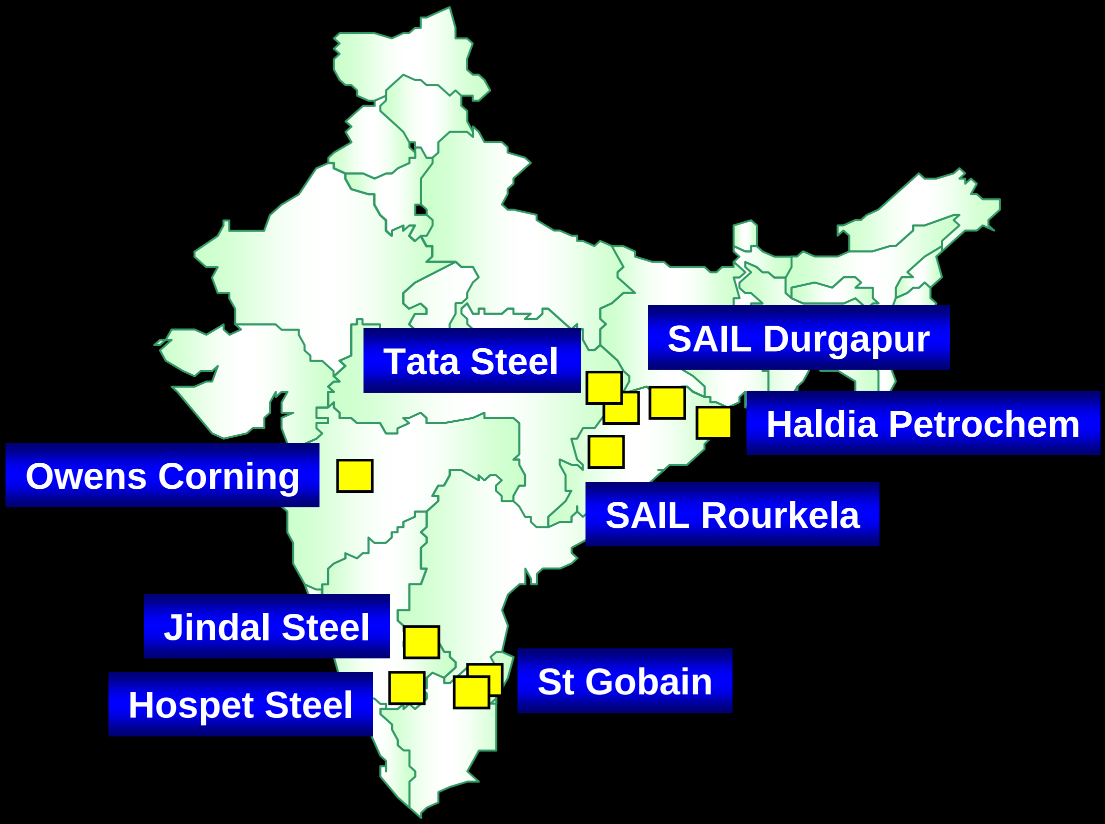
Price $/t – LOX/LIN/LAR



* Non-captive supply – PX estimated market shares

Unique situation - few global players

Expanding Presence in India

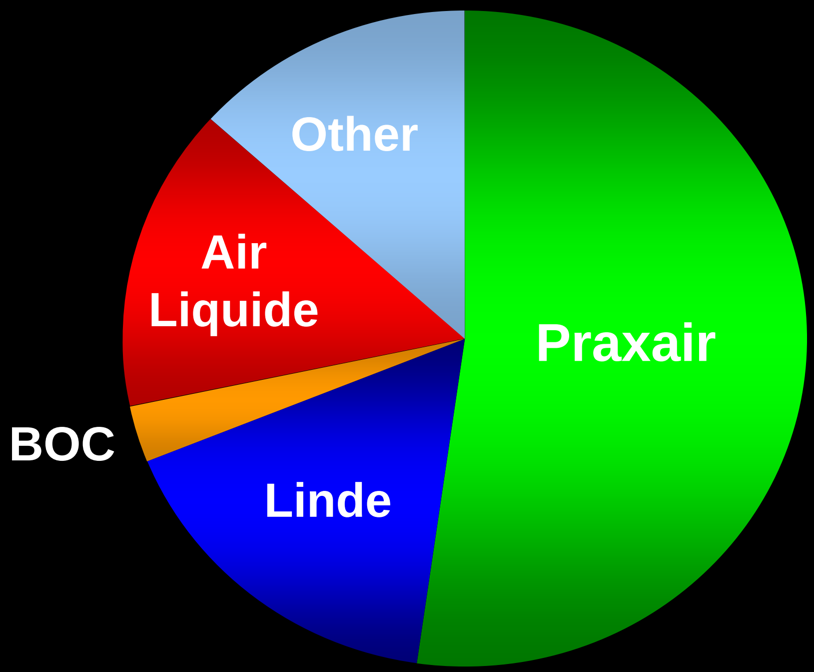


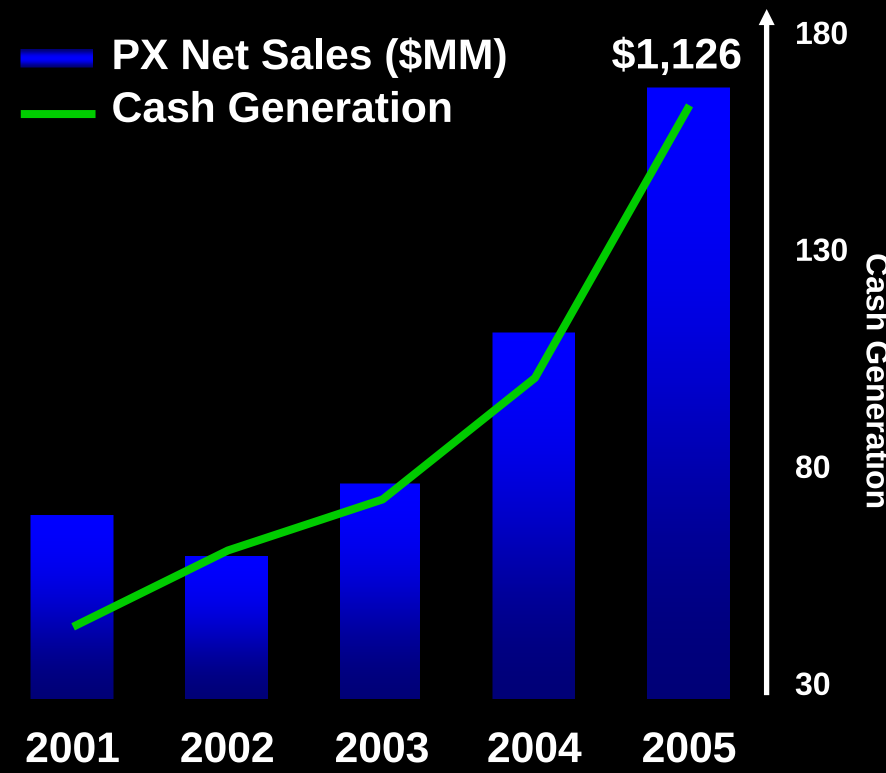
Project	Start-up Date
Tata Steel II	April 2008
SAIL Durgapur	April 2008
SAIL Rourkela	April 2008
Owens Corning	July 2007
Hospet Steel	Aug 2006
St Gobain II	Nov 2005
Tata Steel I	Oct 2005

The future is now

South America - A Pre-eminent Position

Market Share





Sales Growth (ex-currency)	16%	19%	18%	13%

Growth looks like China?

South America Growth Opportunities

Strong On-site Position

- 82% market share - 92% win rate
- Recent wins - steel:
  - Gerdau, Arcelor, Techint
- Recent wins - pulp and paper:
  - Suzano, Botnia

Exploiting Energy Markets

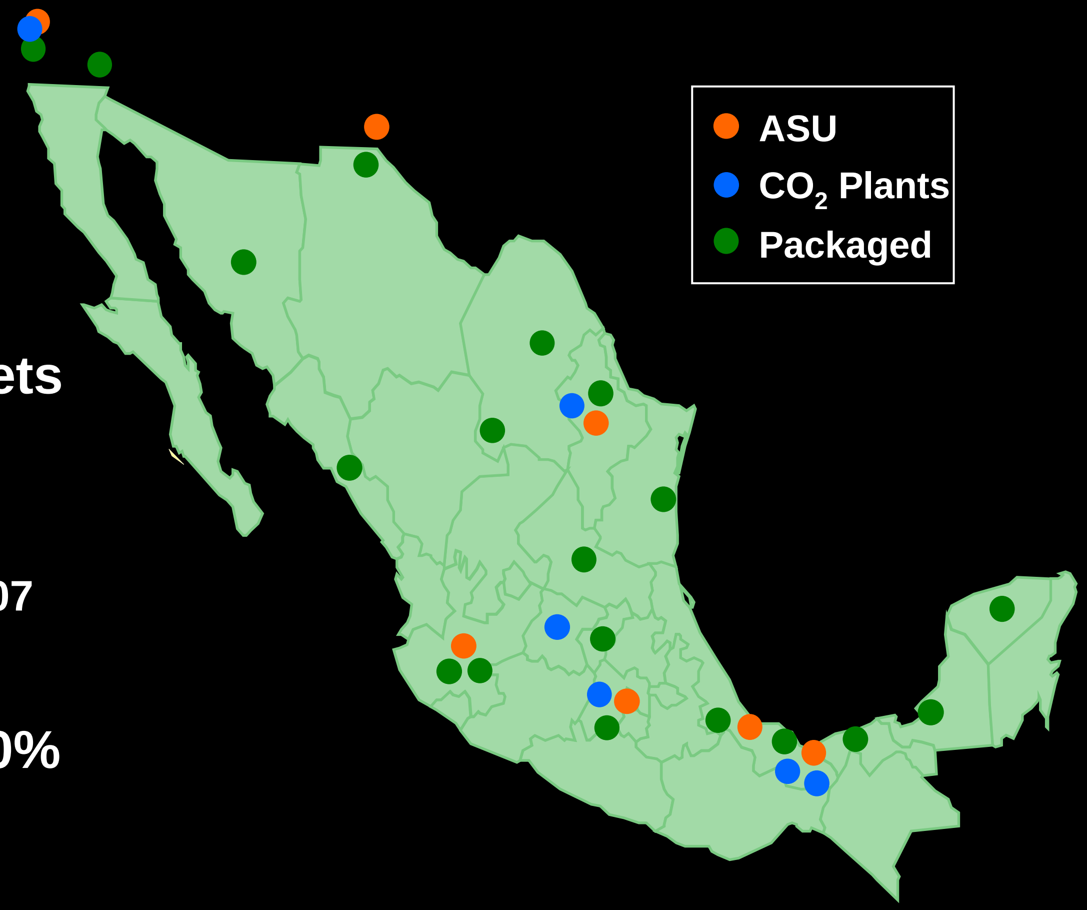
- Conversions to alternative fuels
- JV with Petrobras for LNG distribution - start-up Q2 06
- Energy is becoming a $150MM business

New capital investment indexed to US Dollars

Praxair Mexico

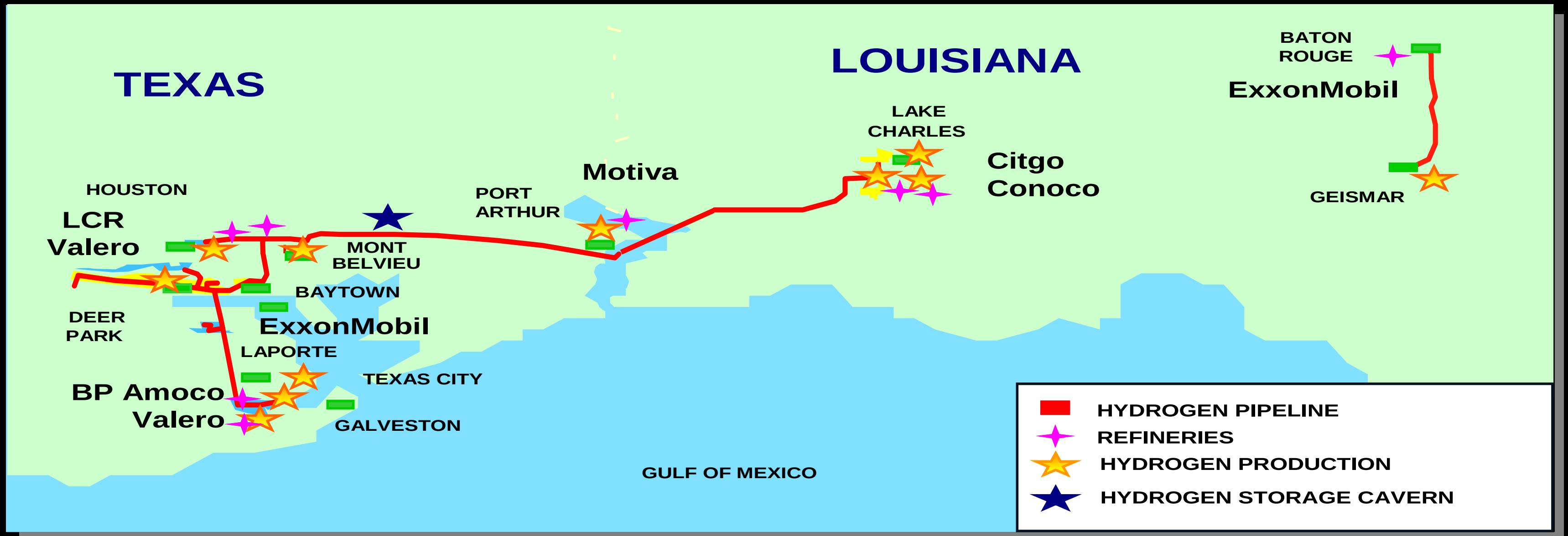
2005 Sales $347 MM

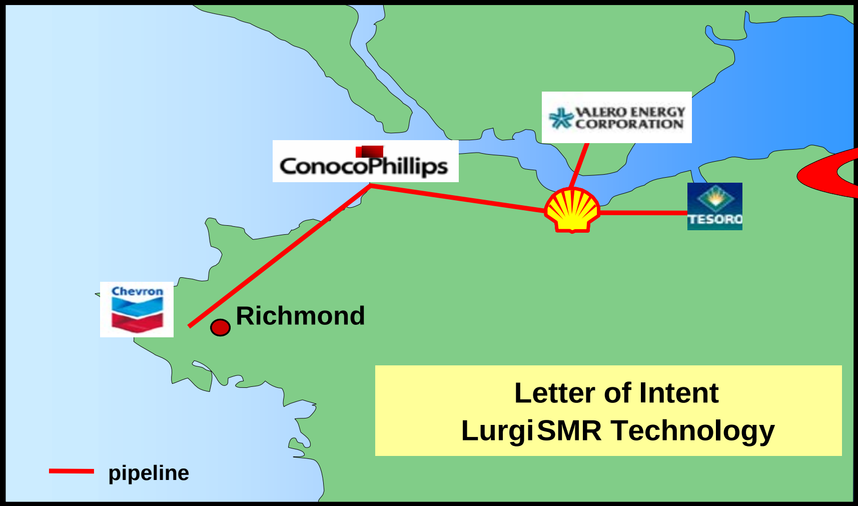
- ♦ **Strong market position**
- ♦ **Leading position in merchant and specialty gases**
- ♦ **Growth from energy markets**
  - – **Enhanced Oil Recovery**
    - • **PEMEX Samaria project – 6500 TPD of N2, start Q2 07**
  - – **Oil well services**
- ♦ **Return on capital above 20%**



Sales of $600MM - $700MM by 2010

Growth in Hydrogen





Hydrogen Awarded in North America since 2004

Company	Share
PX	45%
Comp 1	31%
Comp 2	15%
Comp 3	9%
Total	100%

US and Canada

600-700 MMSCFD additional demand potential

Other Profitable Growth Opportunities

- **Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)**
  - 250B barrels of oil
  - 125-150B tons of N_2 and CO_2
- **Oil Well Services (Fracturing)**
- **Energy (Combustion)**
- **Environmental**

High growth environment for at least 3 to 5 years

Robust Outlook Through 2010

	Annual Growth
Organic Sales	8 - 12%
Operating Profit	10 - 14%
EPS	12 - 16%

Price Increases > Energy Costs

Productivity > Inflation

Mid-teens ROC

Increasing Free Cash Flow

We are committed to bringing growth to the bottom line!

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