

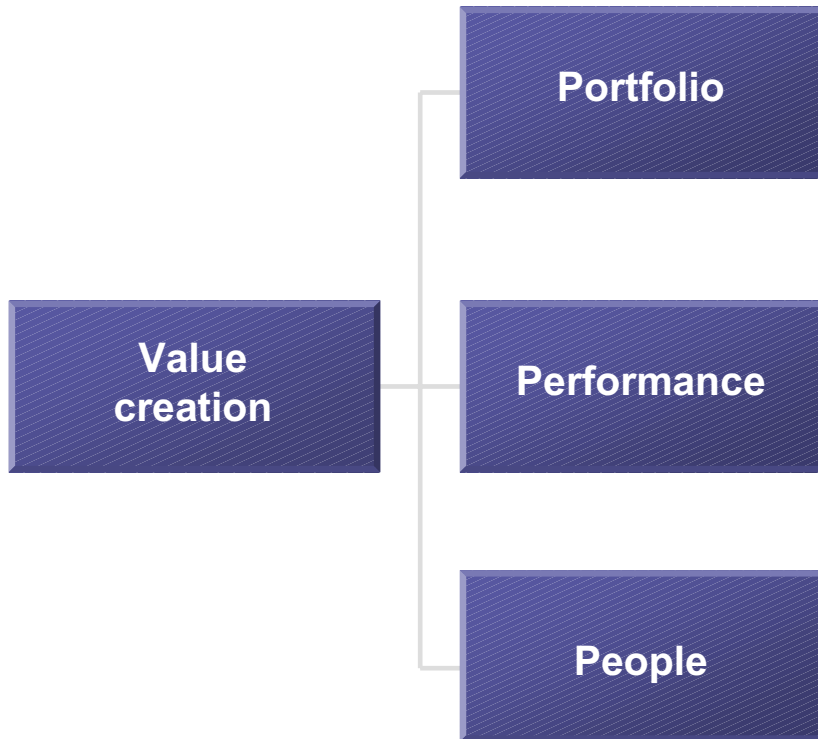
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President and CEO  
Eivind Reiten  
Oslo, December 9, 2002

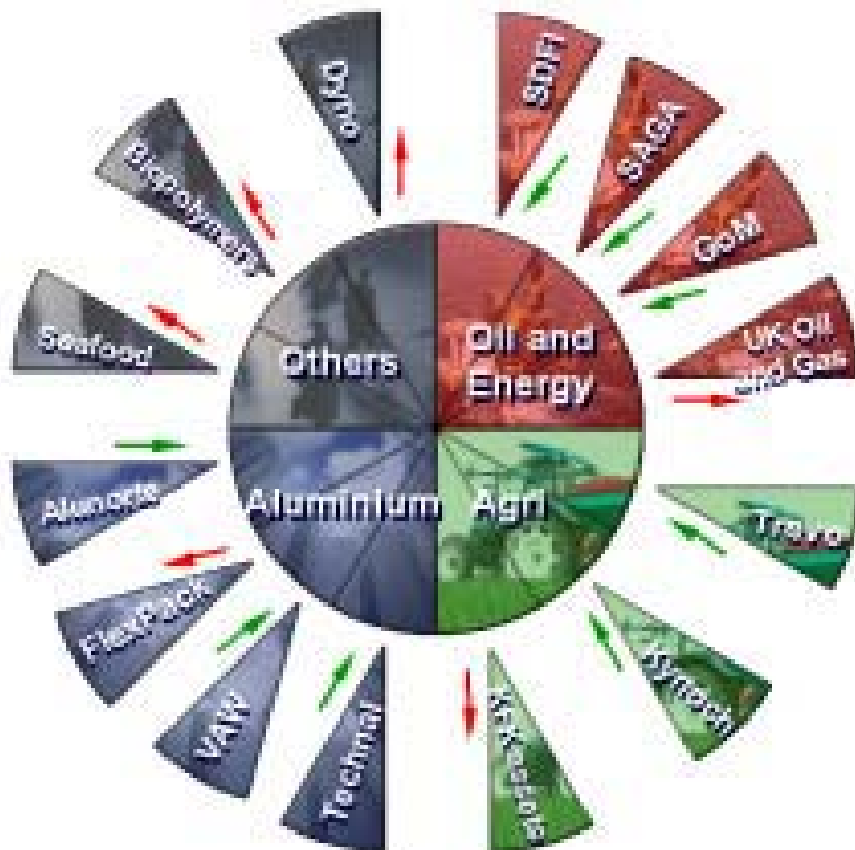




# Key levers for value creation



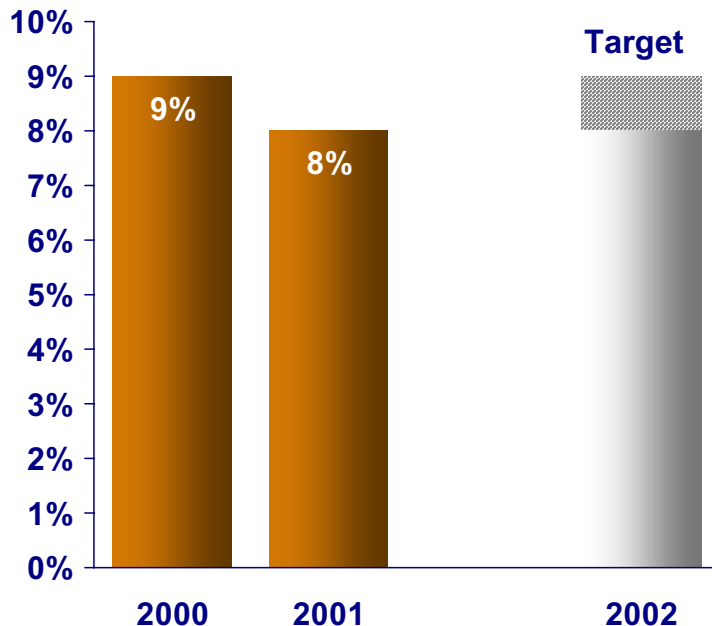
# Strengthening the core businesses





# We deliver: 2002 CROGI target

## Normalized CROGI

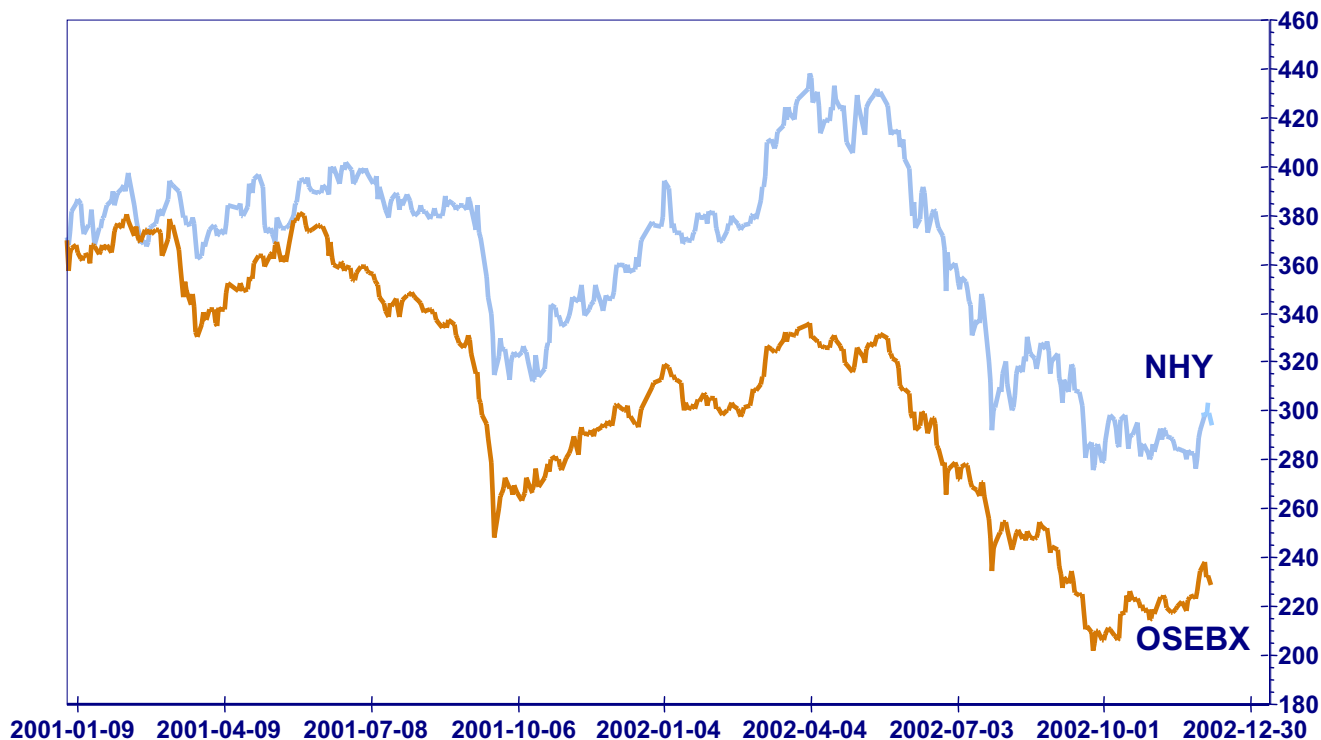


**Normalized to reflect long-term commodity prices and a stable exchange rate – not normalized for volumes and margins**

\* Cash Return on Gross Investments



# Share price performance



Source: Reuters

# **Oil and Energy: Strong production growth**

- **2002 production target being met;  
new target for 2003 is 510 000 barrels per day**
- **Target of 8% average annual growth confirmed  
and extended one more year to 2006**
- **On track to meet F&D cost target of 5 dollars  
per barrel in 2003**
- **Rigorous examination of international exploration  
strategy during 2003**

# Agri: The industry leader

- Building on position as global leader in selected industry segments
- Continue productivity improvements
- Remain alert to opportunities created by industry consolidation



## **Moving forward**

- **Delivering on 2002 return target; higher target set for 2003**
  
- **Significant potential in all three Business Areas**
  - **Oil and Energy: Several years of high production growth**
  - **Aluminium: Improved performance as world class player**
  - **Agri: Leveraging strong market positions**
  
- **Continued evaluation of attractive strategic options; retaining flexibility of timing**
  
- **Maintaining financial strength provides a basis for strategic moves**



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## Financial Issues

Executive Vice President and CFO  
John Ottestad  
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# **CROGI – our key measure of return**

- **CROGI – cash return on gross investment**

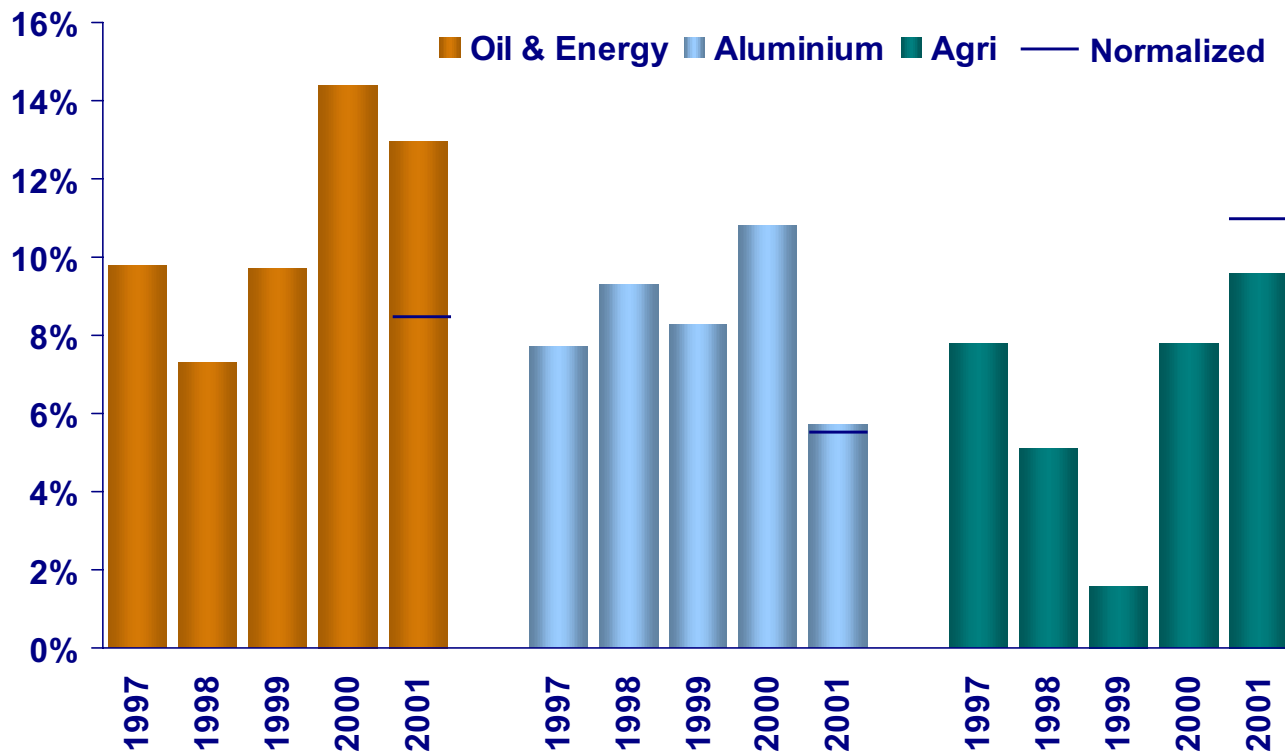
$$\frac{\text{EBITDA less tax}}{\text{Gross invested capital}}$$

- **CROGI at normalized prices**
  - Indicator for average performance over the cycle
  - Target 10%
- **CROGI as a management tool**
  - Measures effects of internal improvement efforts
  - Gives the right incentives



# CROGI per business area

## Actual and normalized prices





## Acquisitions 2002

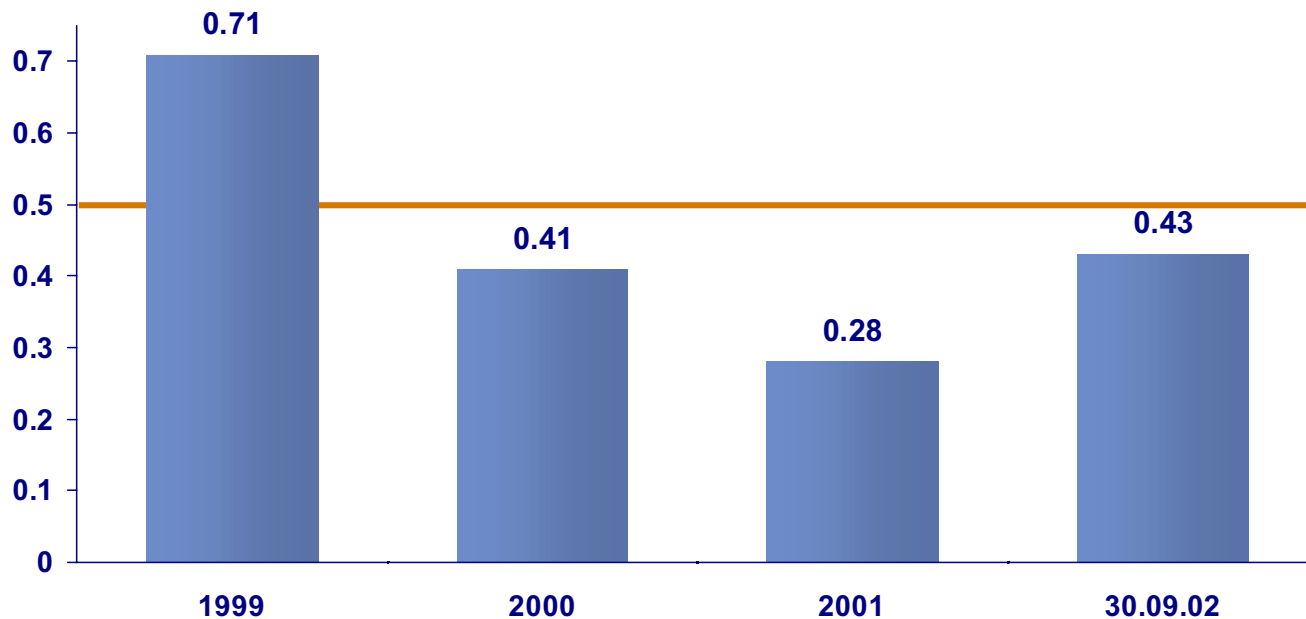
- **VAW Aluminium – a transforming transaction**
  - Cash and debt: NOK 20.4 billion
  - Pension liabilities: NOK 3.2 billion
  
- **SDFI – strengthening position in core areas**
  - Cash: NOK 3.5 billion
  
- **Technal – creating world leader in building systems**
  - Cash and debt: NOK 870 million
  
- **All three acquisitions accretive to 2002 earnings**

Gross-up effects from deferred tax are not included in these figures



## Debt / equity

Ratio



Net interest-bearing debt divided by shareholders' equity plus minority interest



# Indicative P&L sensitivities 2003

NOK million

Price sensitivity	Pre tax	After tax	
OIL price sensitivity, O&E	1 300	350	\$1 increase
OIL price sensitivity, Agri	(110)	(80)	\$1 increase
OIL price sensitivity	1 190	270	\$1 increase
LME price sensitivity, Aluminium	830	580	\$100 increase
CAN price sensitivity, Agri	500	350	\$10 increase
<b>USD sensitivity *</b>			
USD sensitivity O&E	3 000	810	1 NOK increase
USD sensitivity Aluminium	1 650	1 160	1 NOK increase
USD sensitivity Agri	600	420	1 NOK increase
USD sensitivity Hydro	5 250	2 390	1 NOK increase
USD sensitivity Financial Items **	(2 440)	(1 340)	1 NOK increase
USD sensitivity NET	2 810	1 050	1 NOK increase

\* USD sensitivity estimates assuming USD/NOK changes, all other currencies fixed against NOK

\*\* Excluding cash flow and equity hedge total exposure USD 1 275 mill and USD 400 mill debt in USD-based subsidiaries



# Financial priorities

- **Operational performance**
- **Capital discipline**
- **Meet NOK 10 billion divestment target**
- **Maintain financial strength**



# Main financial targets

- **Annual performance**  
Cash return on gross investment – CROGI  
Nominal after tax, normalized prices **10%**
- **Investment criteria**  
Real IRR after tax **10%**  
(Oil \$14/bbl, Aluminium \$1 400/tonne, USD/NOK 8.00)
- **Dividend**  
Share of net income, average over cycle **30%**
- **Solidity**  
Net interest-bearing debt/equity **0.5**





## Estimated pension cost 2002

NOK million		
1.	Service costs	600
2.	Interest costs on obligations:      17 620 * 7%	1 230
3.	Expected return on assets:      16 876 * 8%	(1 350)
4.	Amortizations (of gain/loss and prior service costs)	200
5.	Curtailment loss and other	70
Net periodic pension costs		750
Termination benefits and other pension plans		600
Total		1 350
VAW for 9 ½ months of 2002		250
Total including VAW		1 600

# Capital Markets Day 2002

## A performance culture

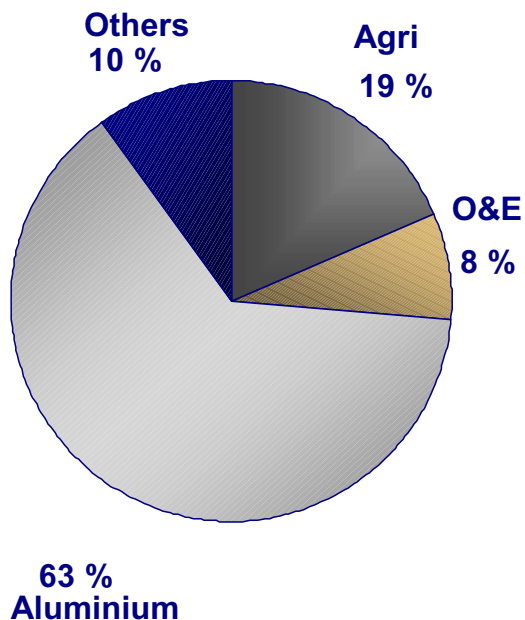
Executive Vice President  
Alexandra Bech  
Oslo, December 9, 2002





# A large international organisation

50 700 employees\*



60+ countries  
(Top ten)

Norway	14 669
Germany	6 788
USA	4 153
France	3 913
Denmark	2 449
UK	2 156
Italy	2 141
Sweden	1 731
China	1 701
Brazil	1 120

\*Per 30.09.02



## People Policy for culture change

*“The main objective of our People Policy is to strengthen Hydro’s competitiveness. We want to be a dynamic, diverse and energetic organisation where everyone contributes to innovation, performance improvement and first-class results.”*



# Capitalising on our management model

- **Demanding corporate owner**
  - **Portfolio, Performance, People**
  
- **Business Areas - accountable, competing for capital**
  
  
- **Reducing costs and increasing service through Hydro Business Partner**



# Real change at the top

- **Generation change,  
New challenges and  
Performance drive**
  - 4 of 6 CMB members  
new since 1999
  - 12 of 16 sector managers  
new since 1999
  
- **More international**
  - 44% non-Norwegian sector heads vs. 12% in 1999
- **More women**
  - 1 sector head, 9 CMB reports, vs. 0 in 1999
- **Younger**
  - Average age CMB + reports from 52 to 48 in 1999

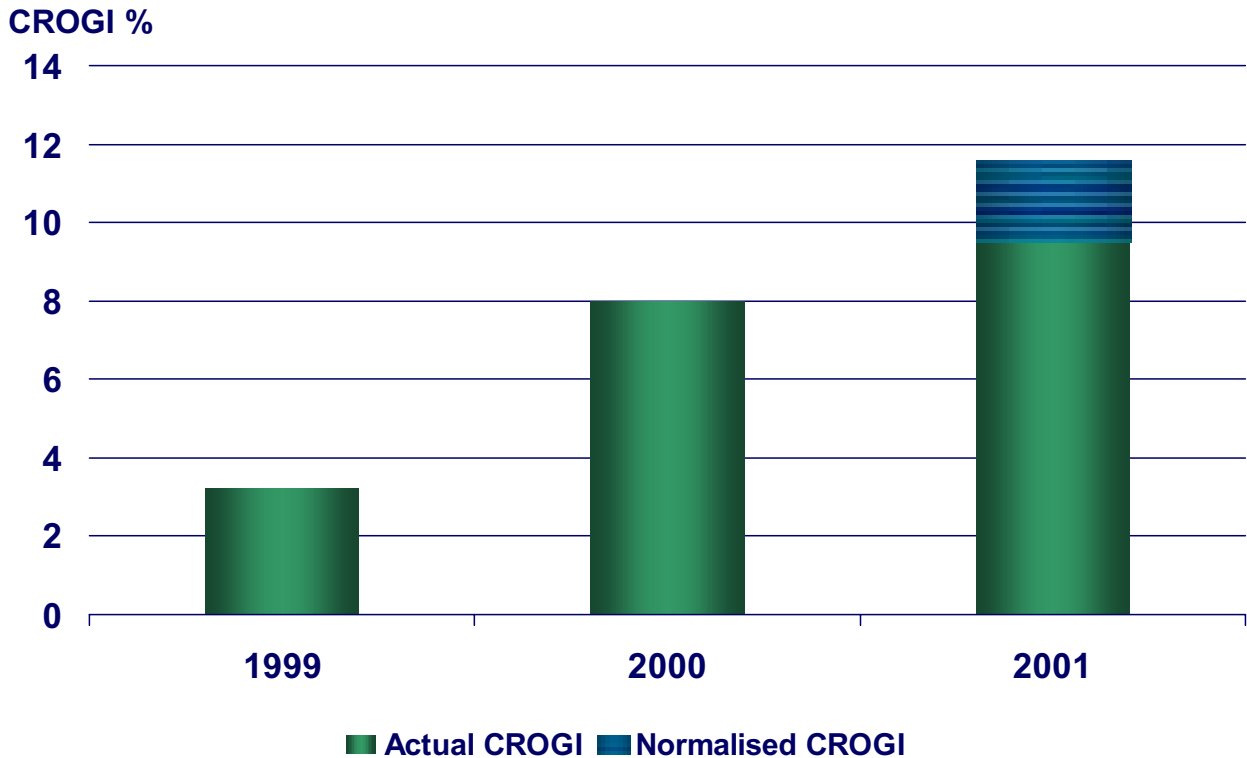
# Capital Markets Day Hydro Agri

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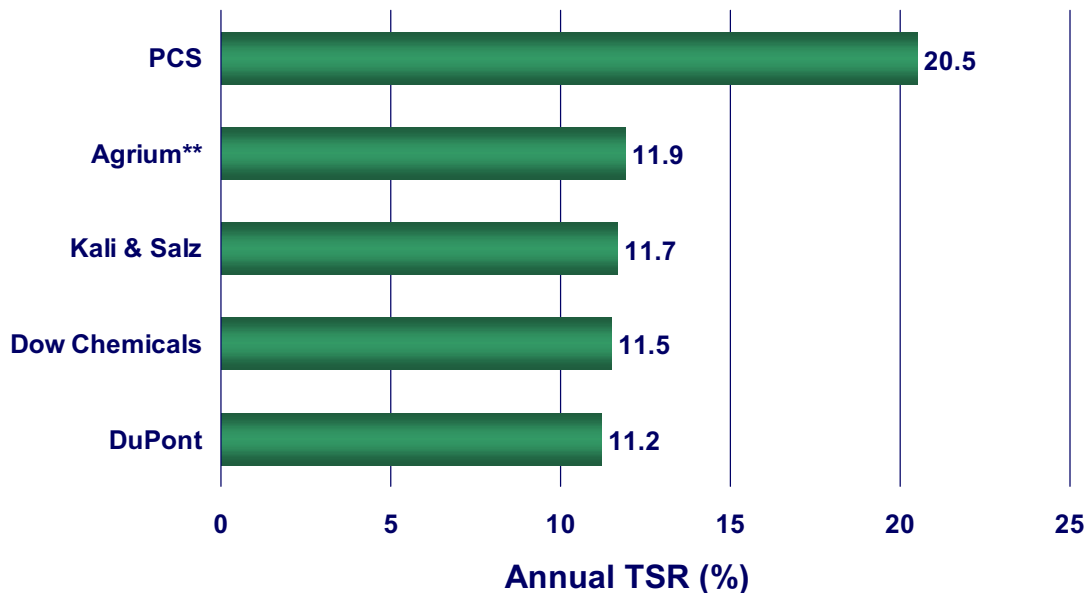
# Strongly improved performance





# Industry attractiveness – Competitive returns

Average annual total shareholder return\* across the business cycle (1990-2001)



\* *TSR = Share price appreciation + dividends to shareholders*

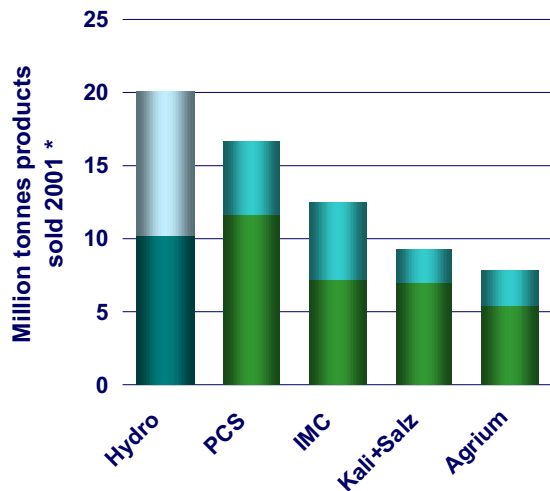
\*\* *Agrium from merger in 1993 to 2001*

*Source: BCG database*



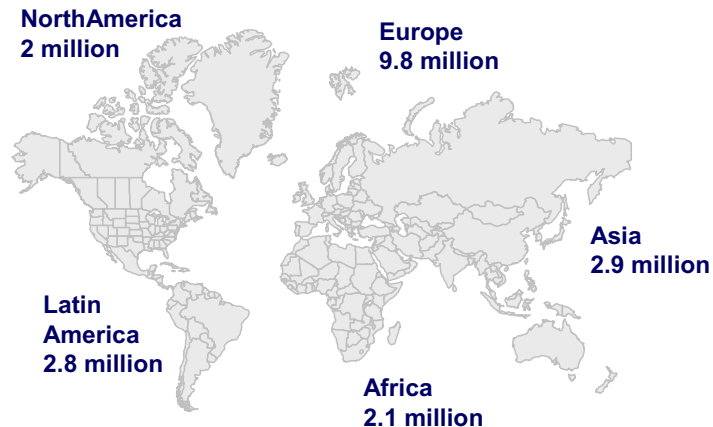
# Good regional balance and global presence

## All fertilizer products



- Hydro Overseas
- Hydro Europe
- Overseas
- Home market

## Agri sales tonnes



**Accumulated  
20 million**

\* Kali & Salz figures based on year 2000



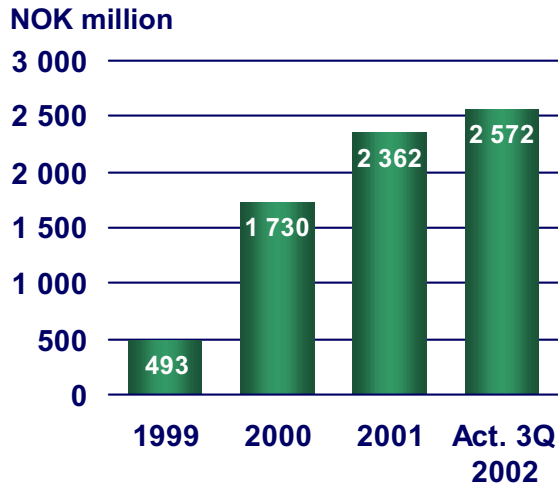
# Hydro Agri cyclicality mitigated

- **Plants are not cost based swing producers**
- **Global market presence and product flexibility provide hedging**
- **Growth overseas and in speciality/ industrial applications is less exposed**

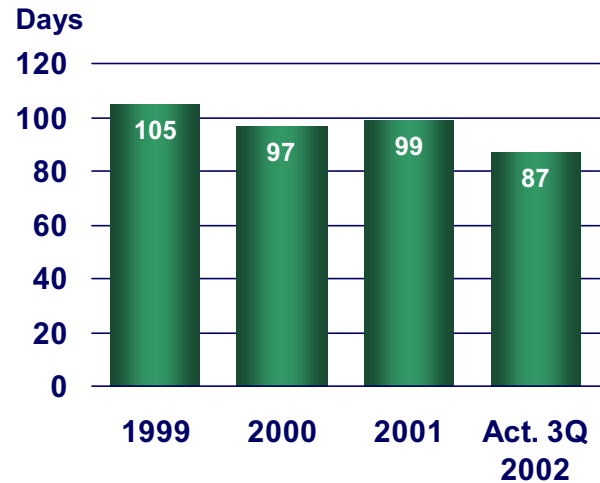
**Target: NOK 3 billion EBITDA  
at bottom of business cycle**

# Reduced fixed costs and working capital

Accumulated fixed cost reductions \*



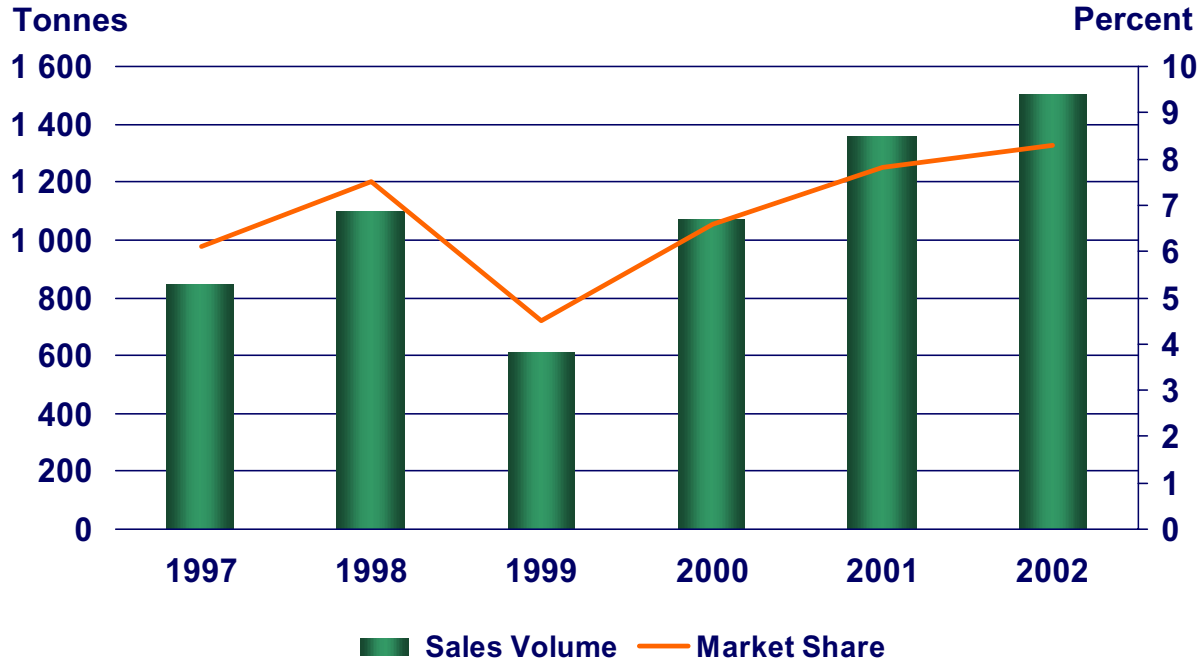
Net working capital days\*\*



\* Total fixed cost reductions compared with 1998 level

\*\* Average net working capital divided by gross operating revenue

# Trevo (Brazil) takeover: From bankruptcy to healthy business





# We have a unique fertilizer position

- The largest player
- The only truly global company
- Balanced product portfolio (N,P,K)
- Strong sourcing power
- Unique brands



# Positive market outlook

- **Growth in fertilizer consumption**
  - Cereal stocks diminishing rapidly
  - Increasing grain prices last months
  - Historically, fertilizer prices correlate well with grain prices
  
- **Limited new capacity globally next 2-3 years**
  
- **Global supply/demand balance looks good**



# Possible opportunities and threats

## Opportunities

- Increased exports to China and India
- Russian WTO membership expected to establish gas prices reflecting real costs
  - Reduce Government impact
  - Intermediate EU antidumping measures linked to gas price

## Threats

- Improved US cost position
- Imports into Europe





# Key messages

- **Market outlook positive**
- **Unique business position**
- **Global leadership in key strategic areas**
- **Industry leadership after Turnaround**
- **Strong platform for profitable growth**



# Hydro Agri – indicative sensitivities

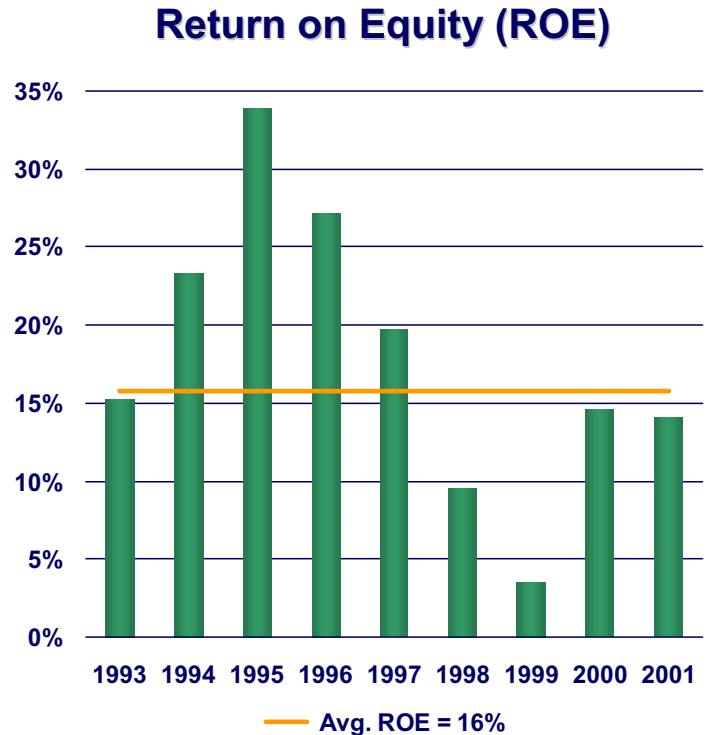
	EBITDA NOK million	CROGI % points
Urea + 10 USD/t	170	0.33
CAN + 10 USD/t *	500	0.97
Oil price + 1 USD/bbl	- 110	- 0.21
Currency + 0.1 NOK/USD	60	0.12

\* Reference price for nitrogen sales in Europe  
CAN prices are influenced by urea

Underlying assumptions: Oil USD 18, CAN 113 USD/t , NOK/USD 8.00  
Simplified tax rate: 30%

# Qafco – a successful ammonia/urea investment

- Qatar Fertilizer Company, one of the most cost efficient nitrogen plants in the world.
- Hydro ownership 25%
- Hydro marketing agreement of 0.6 million tonnes (1.4 million tonnes)\* urea p.a.



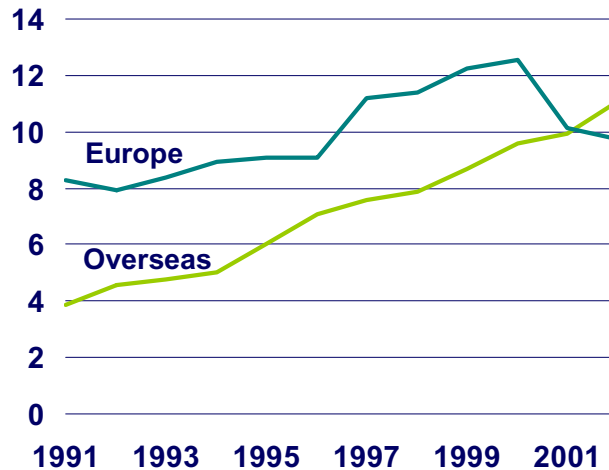
\* Volume after June 2004 (Qafco 4 expansion)



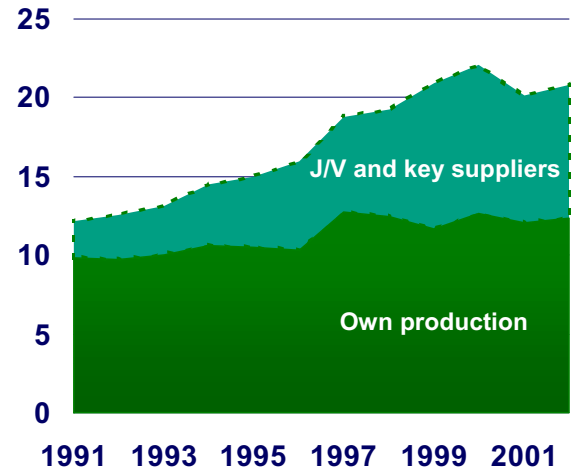
# Growth in non-European markets

**Est. 2002 Agri sales overseas higher than sales in Europe**

Million tonnes



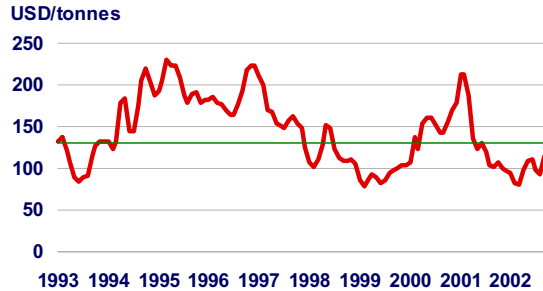
**Sourcing**



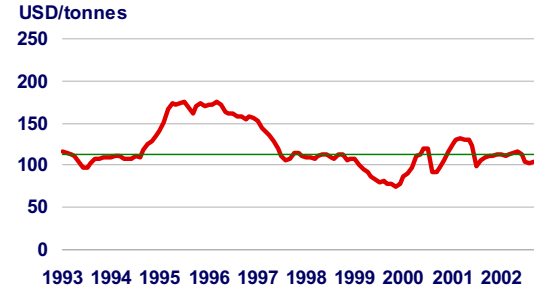


# Historical and average fertilizer prices

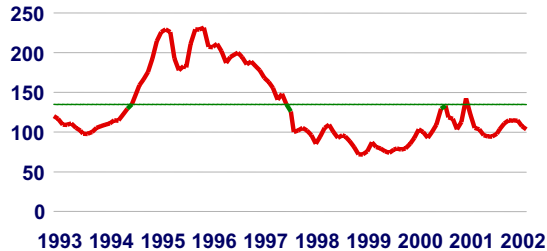
**Ammonia**  
Fob Caribbean



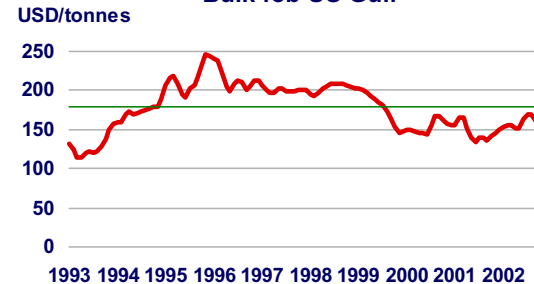
**CAN Germany**  
Bulk delivered warehouse



**Urea**  
Bulk fob Middle East



**DAP**  
Bulk fob US Gulf

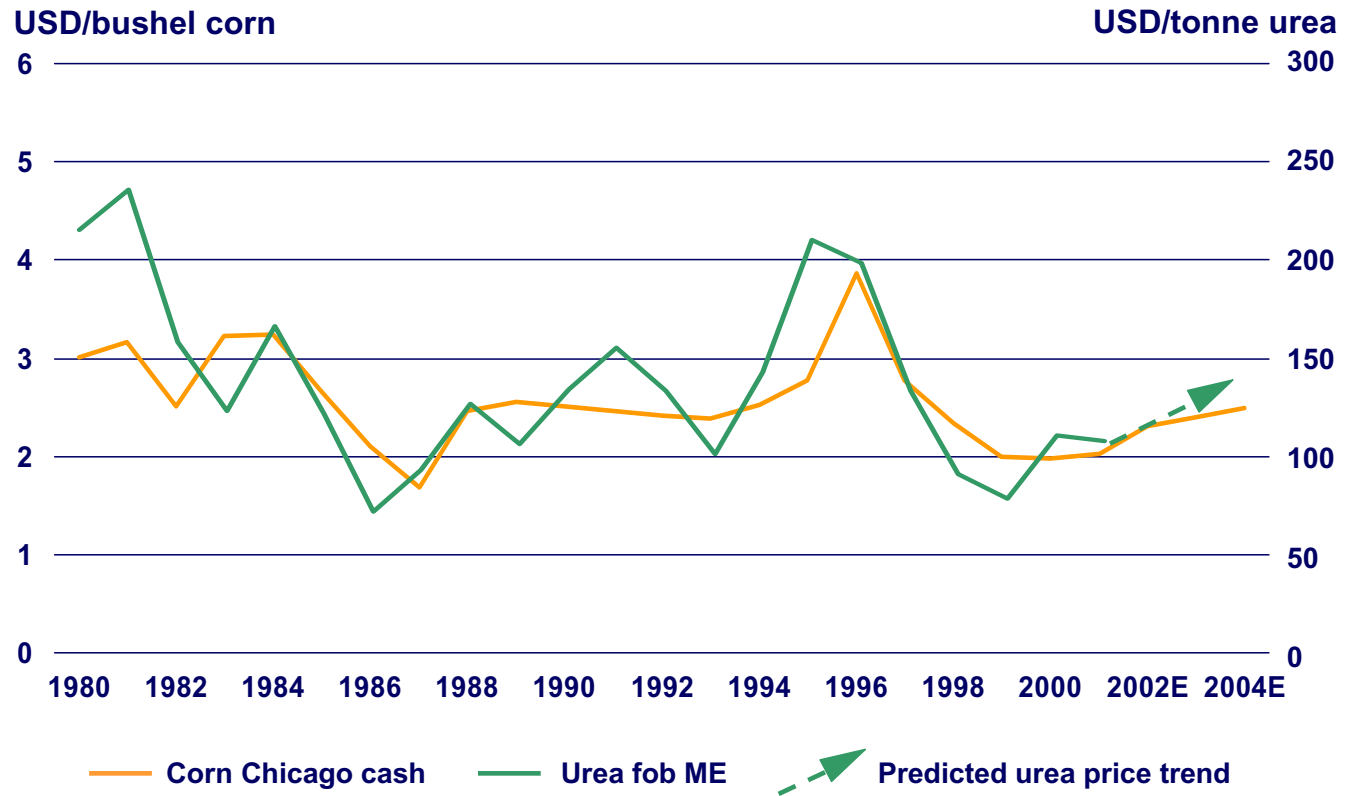


— Average prices 1993 - 2001

Source: *Fertilizer Week, The Market for CAN*

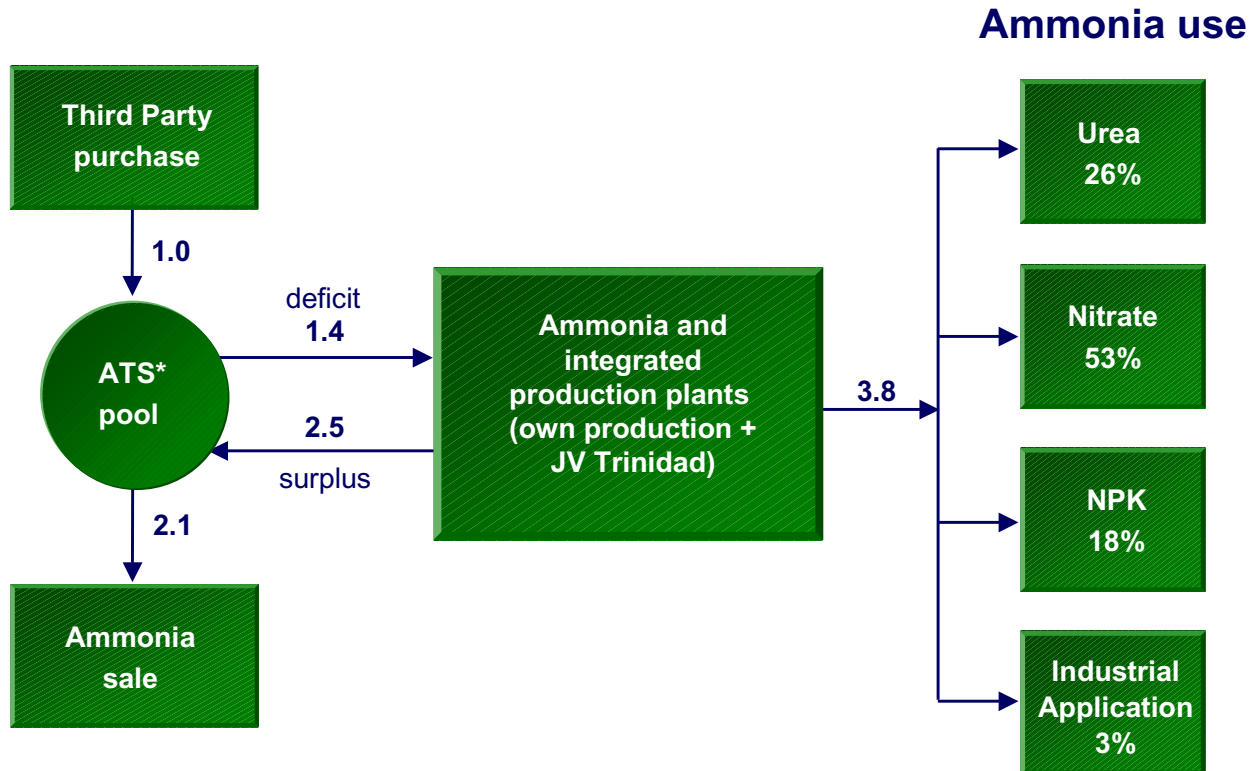


# Fertilizer prices linked to grain prices -



Source: Blue-Johnson, CBT

# Ammonia Value Chain (2001)



\* Ammonia Trade & Shipping



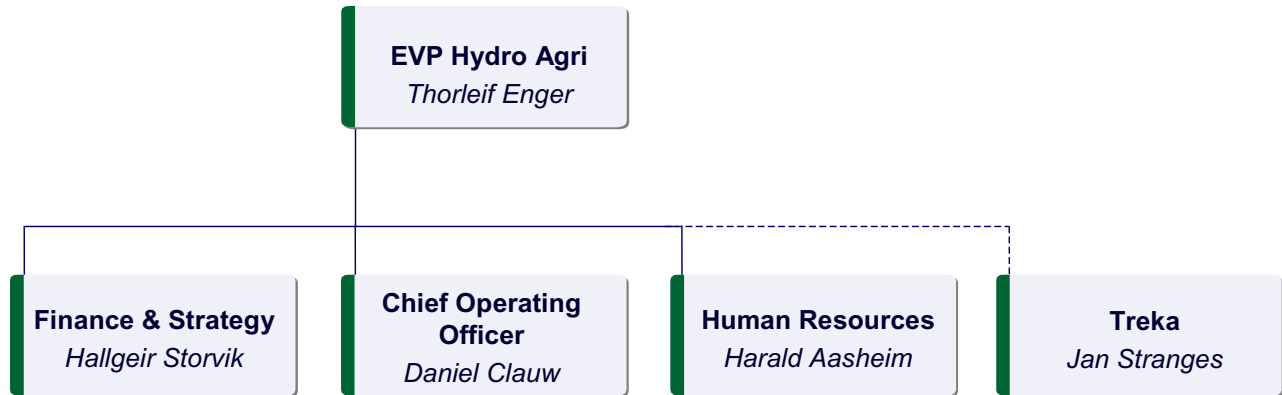
# Product Value Chain

Raw materials	Intermediate products	Finished Products	
		Main	Other
Natural Gas/Air (N)	Ammonia/nitric acid	Urea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nitrates</li> <li>● Compounds NPK</li> <li>● Straights</li> <li>● Blends</li> </ul>
Rock (P)	Phosphoric acid	DAP	
Salts (K)	-	MOP	





# Hydro Agri structure



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## Hydro Aluminium

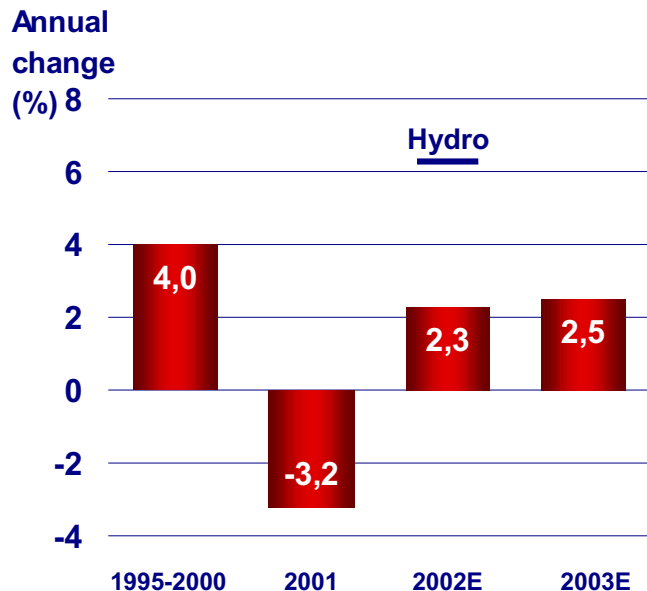
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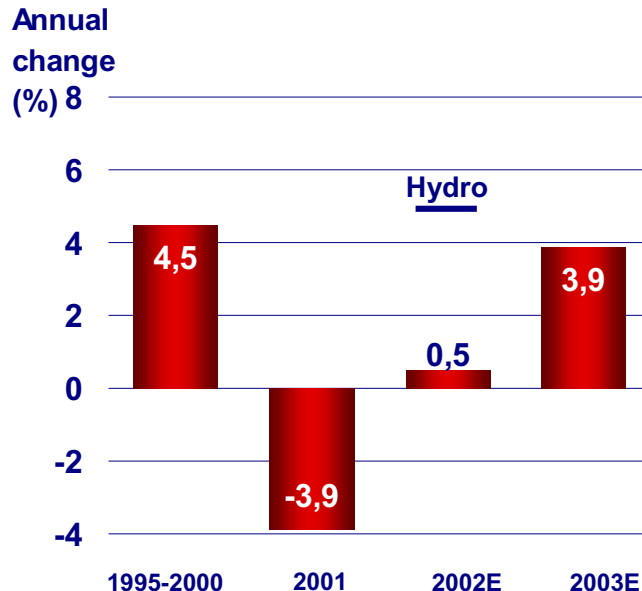


# Europe: Moderate growth

Est. European rolled products shipments



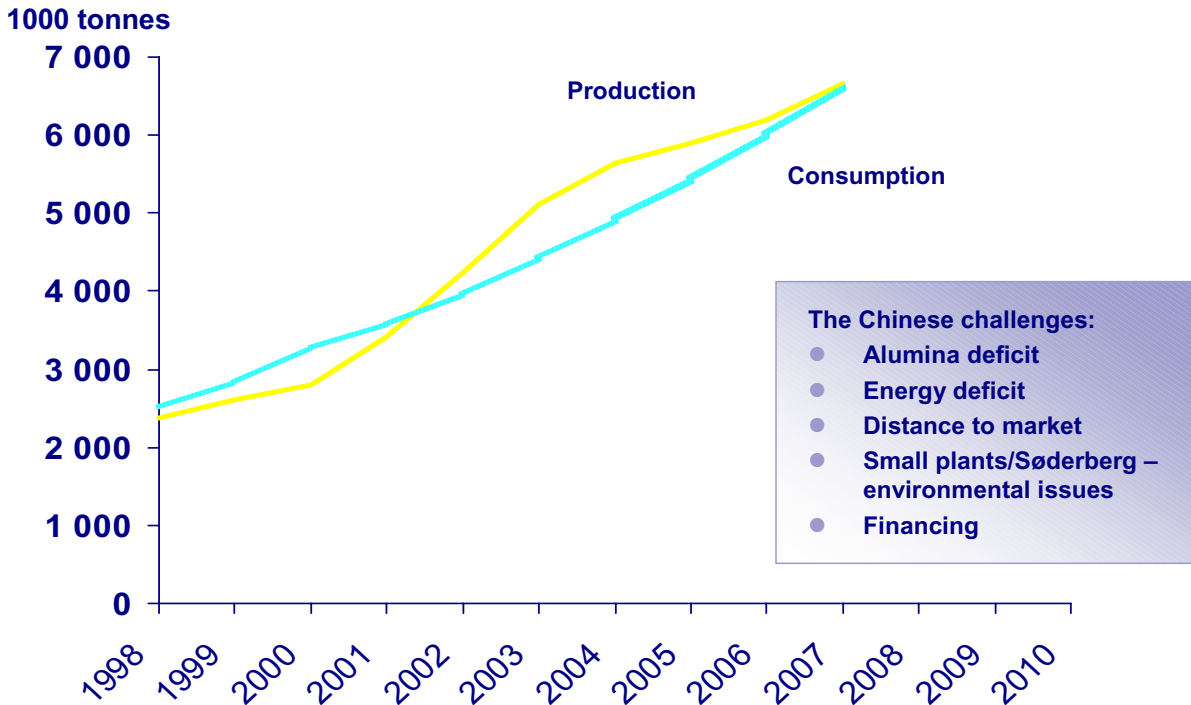
Est. European extrusion shipments



Source: EAA



# China: Primary metal balance



Decision made by central government to close down inefficient and polluting Søderberg capacity due to environmental legislation. Søderberg plants assumed to be closed down by around 1 million tonnes between 2003-2007 (200 000 tonnes per year in 2003 and 2004, 300 000 tonnes per year in 2005 and 2006).

Source: CRU, HAL

# Rapid acquisition and integration processes



## Industry examples: Time from announcement to closing

	<u>Days</u>
Hydro/ VAW	67
Hydro/ Technal	86
Alcan/ Algroup	140 (440 from APA -announcement)
Pechiney/ Corus	240 (expected)
Alcoa/ Reynolds	258

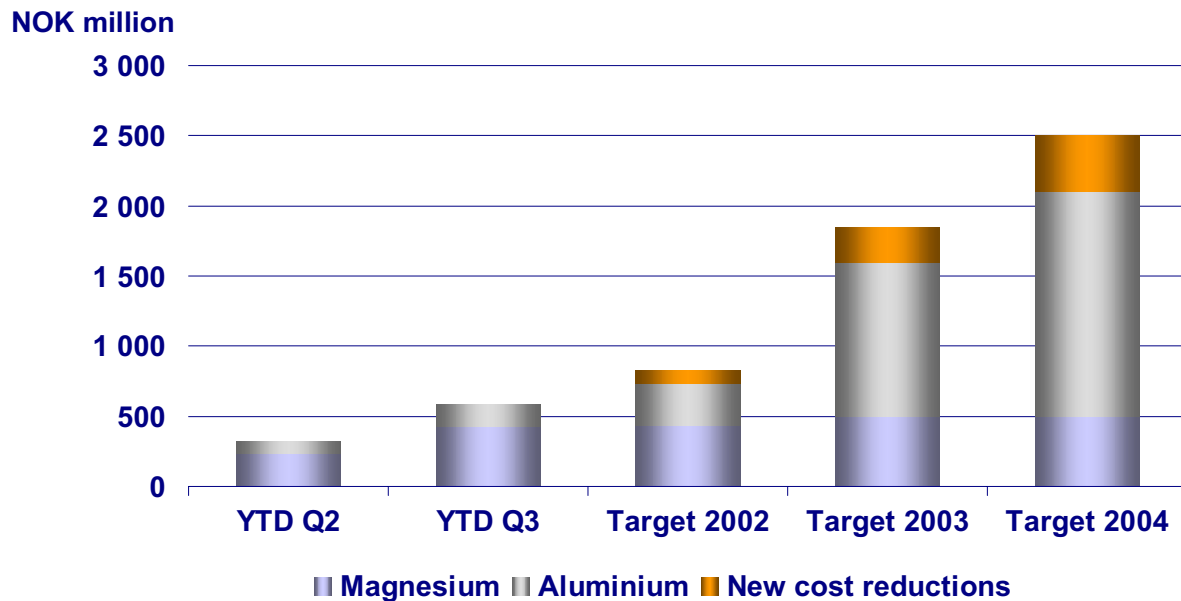
## Hydro Aluminium

- Broad experience and diversity in the management teams
- Kept momentum in day-to-day business
- Successful execution of value capturing

# Aluminium improvement program

## Raised targets

### Cost reductions

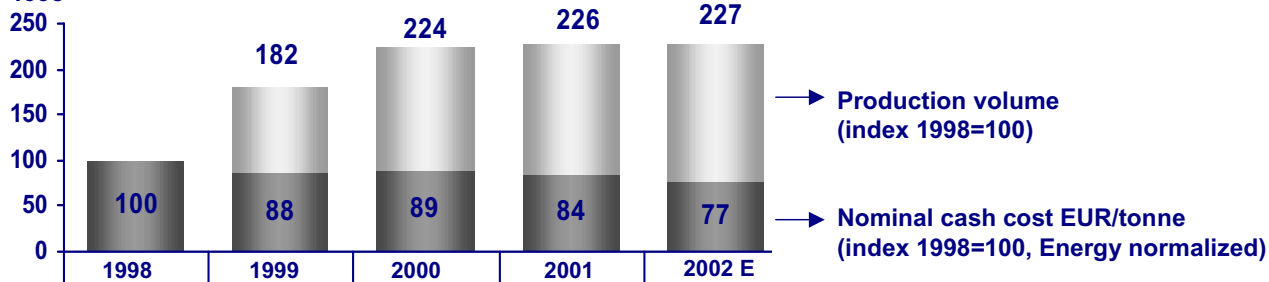


# Metal Products

## Increased volume and lower cost in operations

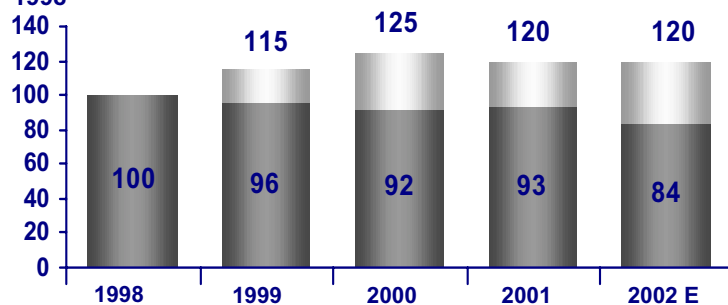
100= Cost &  
Production  
volume  
1998

Rackwitz ~23 000 tonnes per year



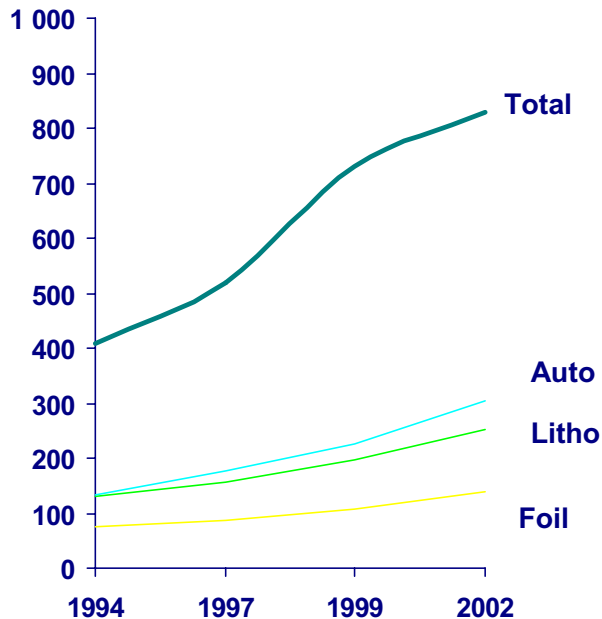
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Karmøy ~196 000 tonnes per year

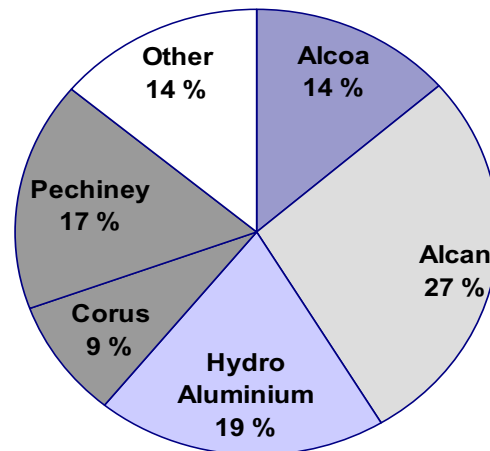


# Rolled Products: Increased volume. Improved industry structure

Volume  
1 000 tonnes per year



Estimated market shares 2001  
100% = 3.2 million tonnes per year



**Four largest 2002: 86% market share\***  
**Four largest 1998: 58% market share**

\*Assumed Hydro/VAW and Pechiney/Corus together

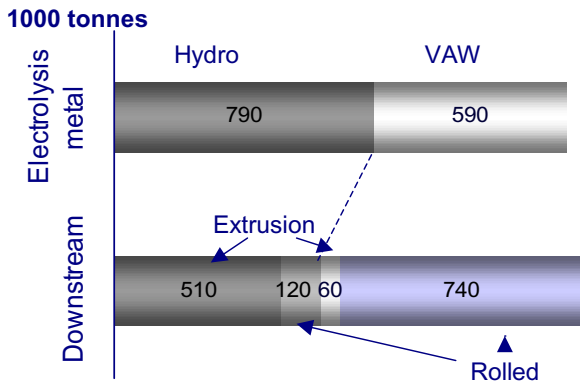
Source: EAA, Annual Reports





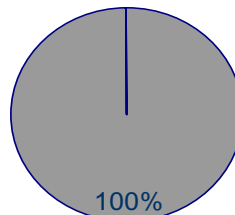
# The new strategic platform

More downstream ....



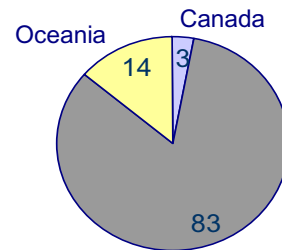
.. and Primary Metal in new areas

Before VAW



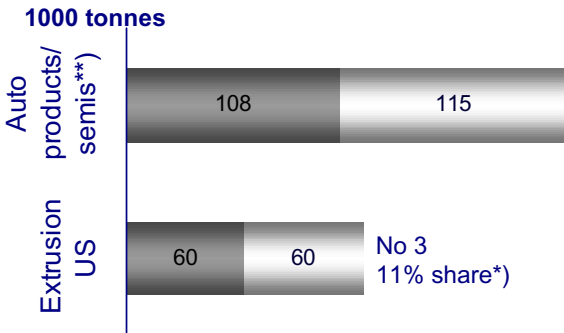
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After



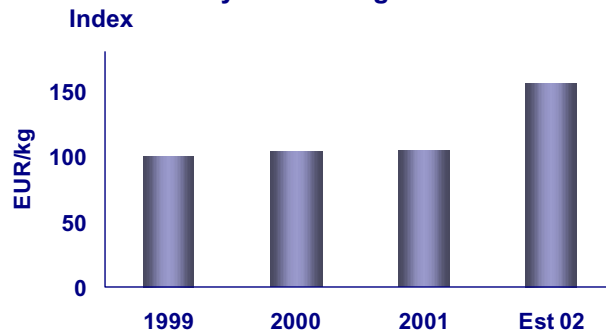
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In addition to Rolling, leap forward in two areas



No 3  
11% share\*)

Technal: Quantum leap for Building Systems  
Systems Margin



\*) With automotive \*\*) In addition HAL sells 180.000 t Foundry alloys



# Key steps in Hydro Aluminium's strategy

## 1. Global upstream



## 2. Europe mid- and downstream



## 3. Outside Europe, mid- and downstream



## 4. Global automotive





# The leading player in Europe

## Key strengths

### Metal (casthouse) Products

- Unique business model
- High recognition in market
- Low cost to market

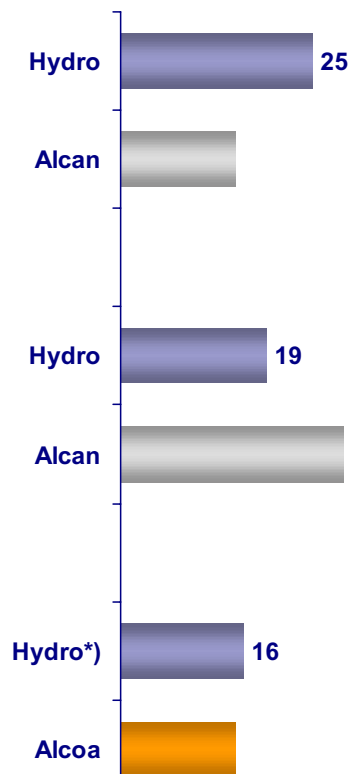
### Rolled Products

- Strong market positions in specialized products
- High technology standard
- 50% partner in the world's leading rolling mill

### Extrusion

- Unique business model
- High recognition in market
- Strong performance culture

## Market shares Europe



\*) total, including automotive use

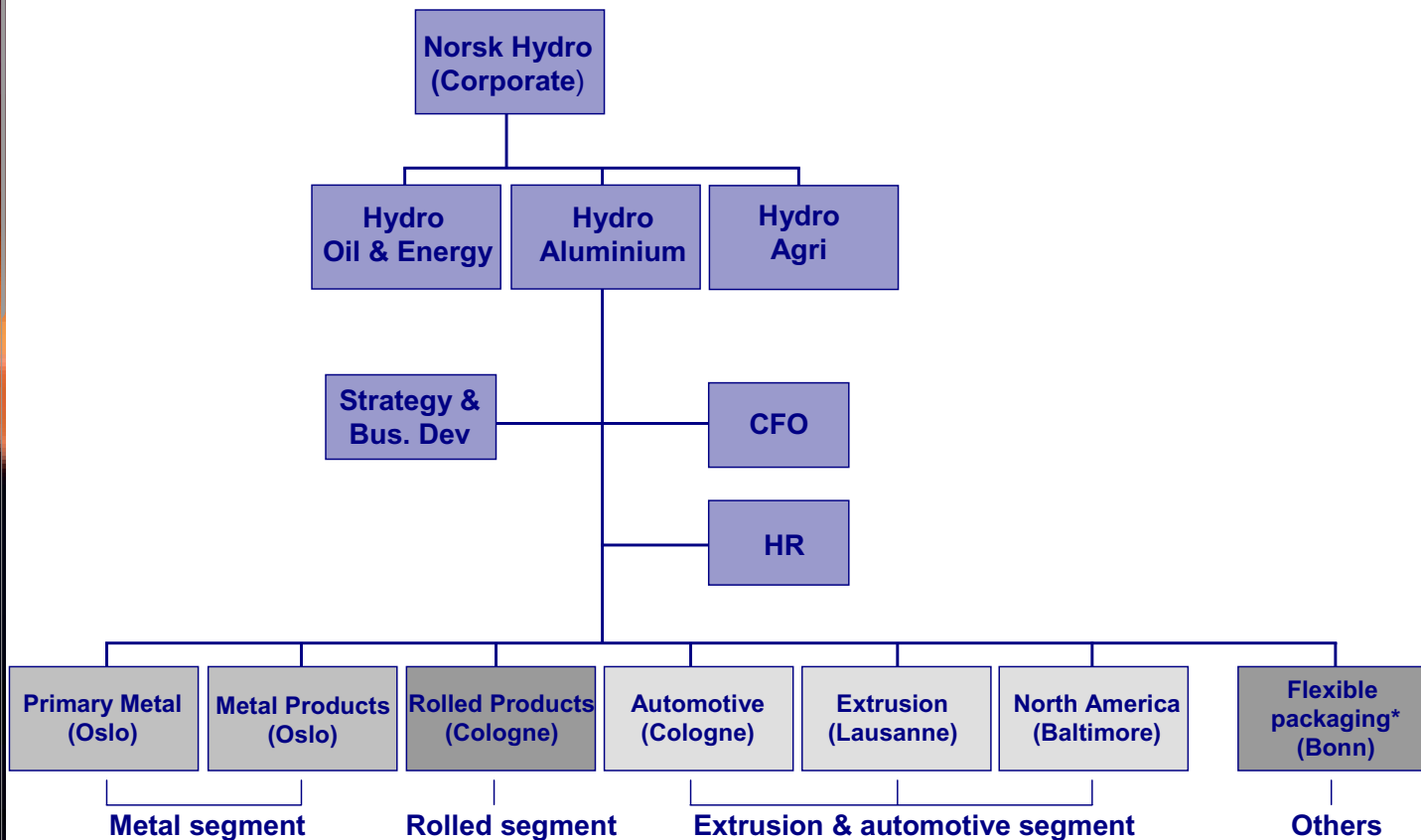


# Priorities ahead

- Deliver improvement programs and value capturing as planned
- Further enhance value of HAL-VAW integration
- Win market share based on strengths
- Improve relative cost position for smelter system
- Continue active portfolio management
- Meet 10% CROGI target 2004 (normalized prices)



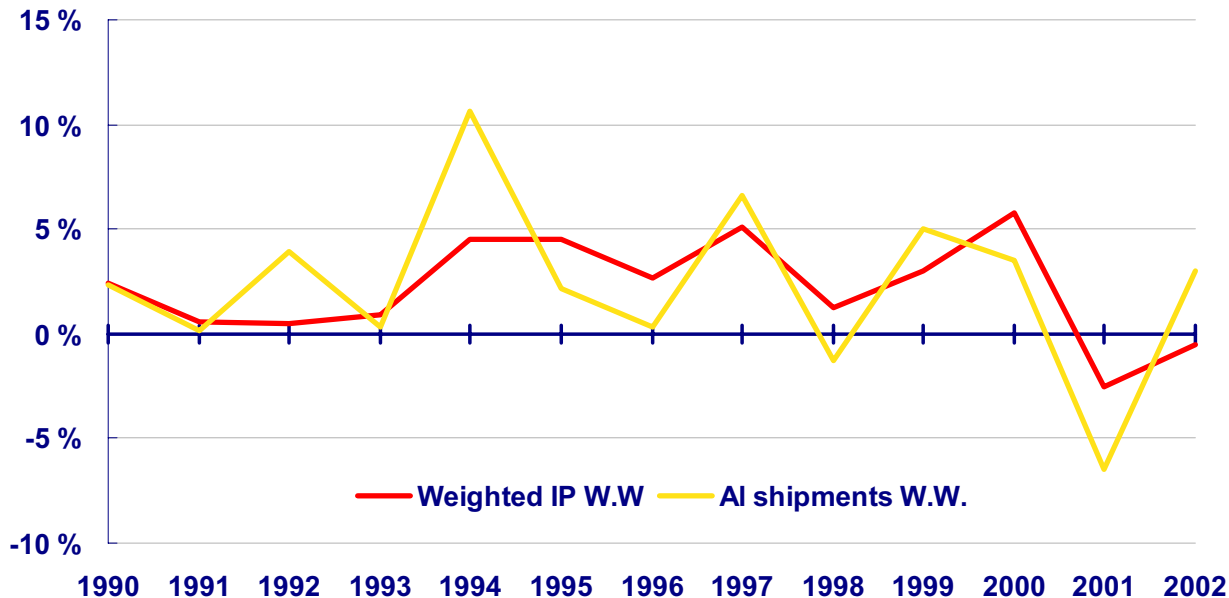
# Norsk Hydro organization



\* Flexible Packaging will be divested

# Moderate growth in primary shipments- 6 % drop in 2001

Change over  
previous year



Updated: November 2002

Source: CRU, WBMS, HAMP

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## Hydro Oil & Energy

- Growth
- Performance

Executive Vice President  
Tore Torvund  
Oslo, December 9, 2002





## Major energy player in Europe\*

### ● Norway

- 52% of proven oil reserves
- 27% of proven gas reserves
- 31% of hydroelectric power production
- 1% of population

### ● Norsk Hydro

- Operate 1.2 million boe/day on NCS
- Hydroelectric power generation 8.5 TWh
- Largest energy consumer in Europe

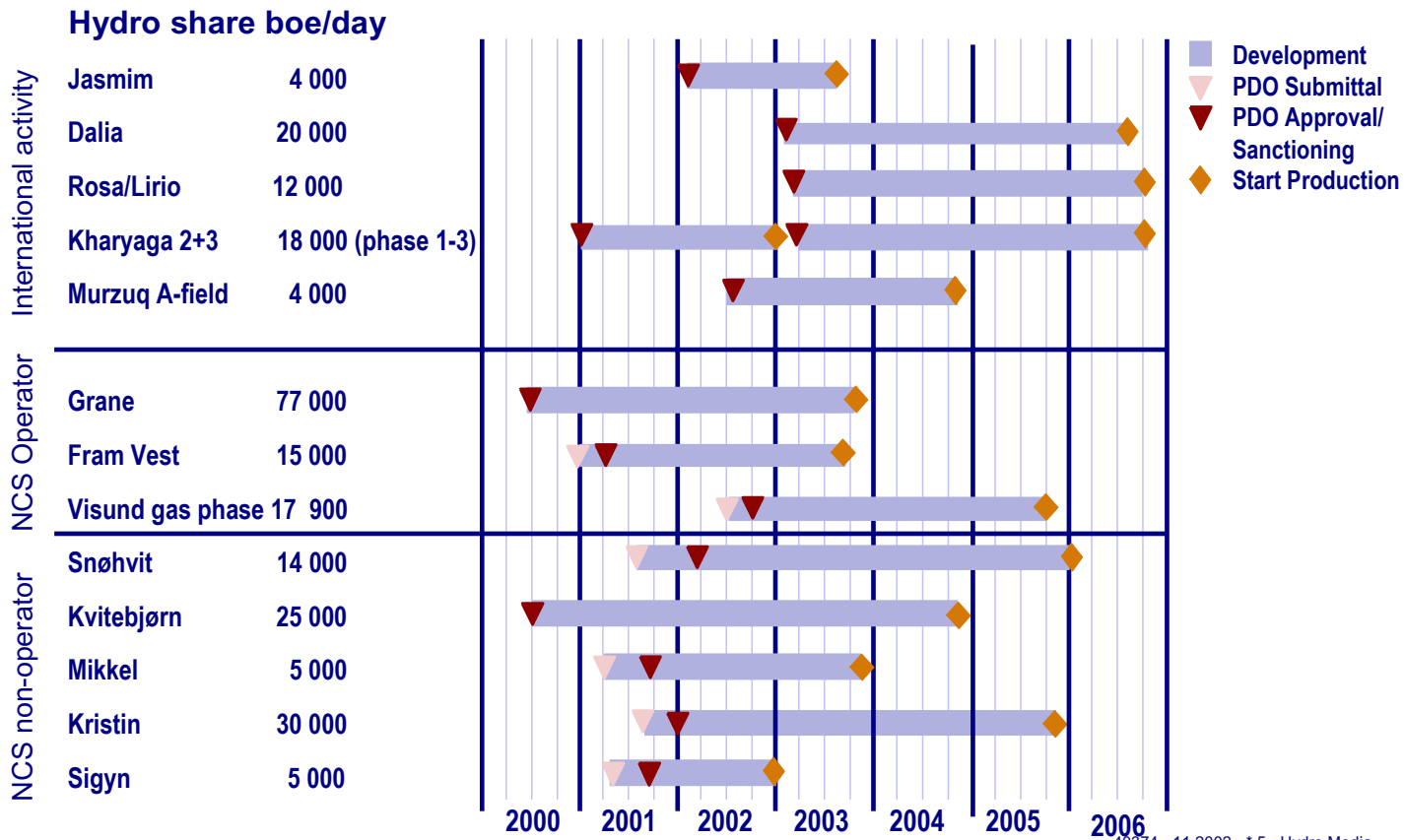
\* EU15+Norway

Sources: BP Statistical review, Eurostat  
40374 - 11.2002 - \* 3 - Hydro Media





# New fields on stream 2003-2006





# Ormen Lange – planned production 2007

- Reserves: 375 bcm
- Gas Production 15-20 billion Sm<sup>3</sup>/year
- Hydro share 18%
- PDO planned 2003
- Deepest water development on NCS to date
- Investment
  - Field NOK 35-40 billion
  - Pipelines NOK 5-17 billion

Ormen Lange

Norway

Iceland

Scotland

# Exploration options with low future commitments

NOK million

Exploration activities outside Norway

2 000

1 000

0

1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002E 2003E 2004E 2005E 2006E

Gulf of Mexico

Canada: Flemish

Canada: Scotian Shelf

Iran: Anaran

Angola: Block 34 & 25

Canada: Grand Banks

Libya: Murzuk

Angola: Block 17

Options

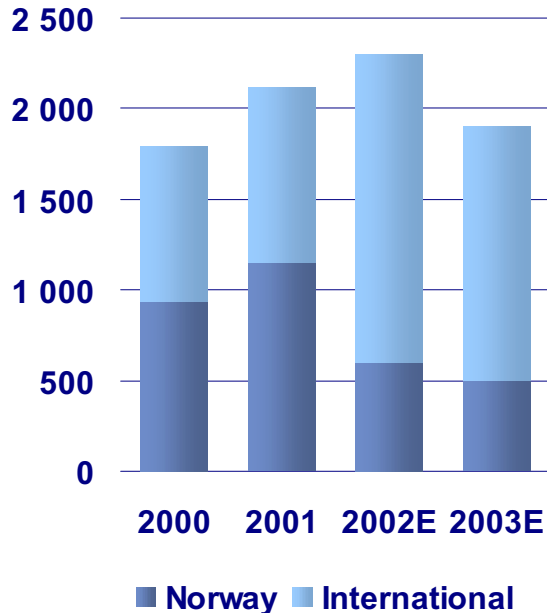
Excluding licence acquisition costs

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# Substantial exploration in 2003

NOK million



## Major exploration wells

Location	Hydro share	Status
USA – Gulf of Mexico	25%	2 wells Q1, new options
Canada – Annapolis	25%	Delineation well Q4
Canada – Flemish Pass	33%	2 wells Q1-2
Iran – Anaran	100%	2 wells Q1
Angola – Block 34	30%	1 well Q4
Angola – Block 25	20%	2 wells Q2
Libya	20%	4-6 wells
Norway	–	17th round & satellite wells



# Strong and flexible gas position in Europe



- Strong growth in equity production
- Ormen Lange – large uncommitted volumes
- Access to several landing points
- Diversified customer portfolio

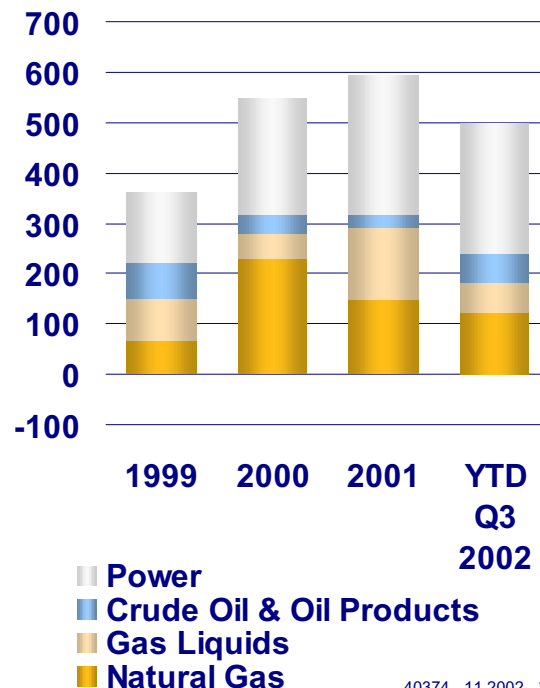


# Commercial track record

- Active player at gas hubs since market opening
- Nordpool experience in power trading
- Active portfolio management

## Contribution margin – Trading

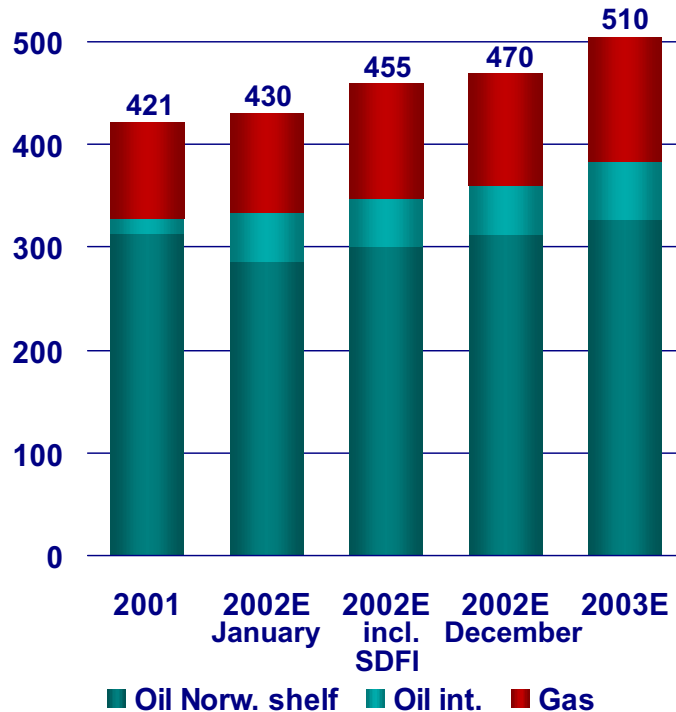
NOK million





# Strong production growth

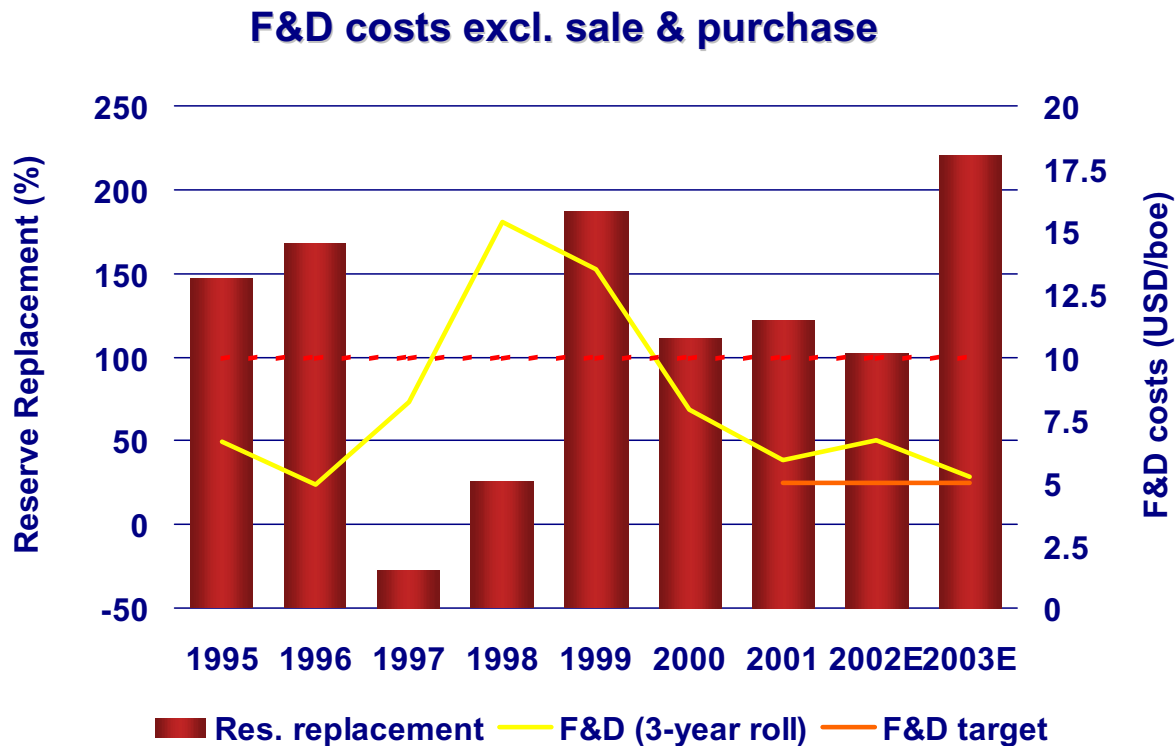
1 000 boe/day



- 12% production growth 2001-2002 including SDFI
- Production target for 2003 510 000 boe/day



# F&D costs tracking down towards target



*Reserves changed from P80 to P90 in 1997*





# Financial and operating targets for 2003

- **Production target** 510 000 boe/day
- **Operating cost** NOK 82/boe  
(excl. exploration)
- **F&D costs** USD 5/boe  
(3 year average)
- **Reserves Replacement Ratio** 140%  
(3 year average)
- **CAPEX level** NOK 11.5 billion
- **Exploration level** NOK 1.9 billion



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