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## 2009 – 2012 Strategy Update



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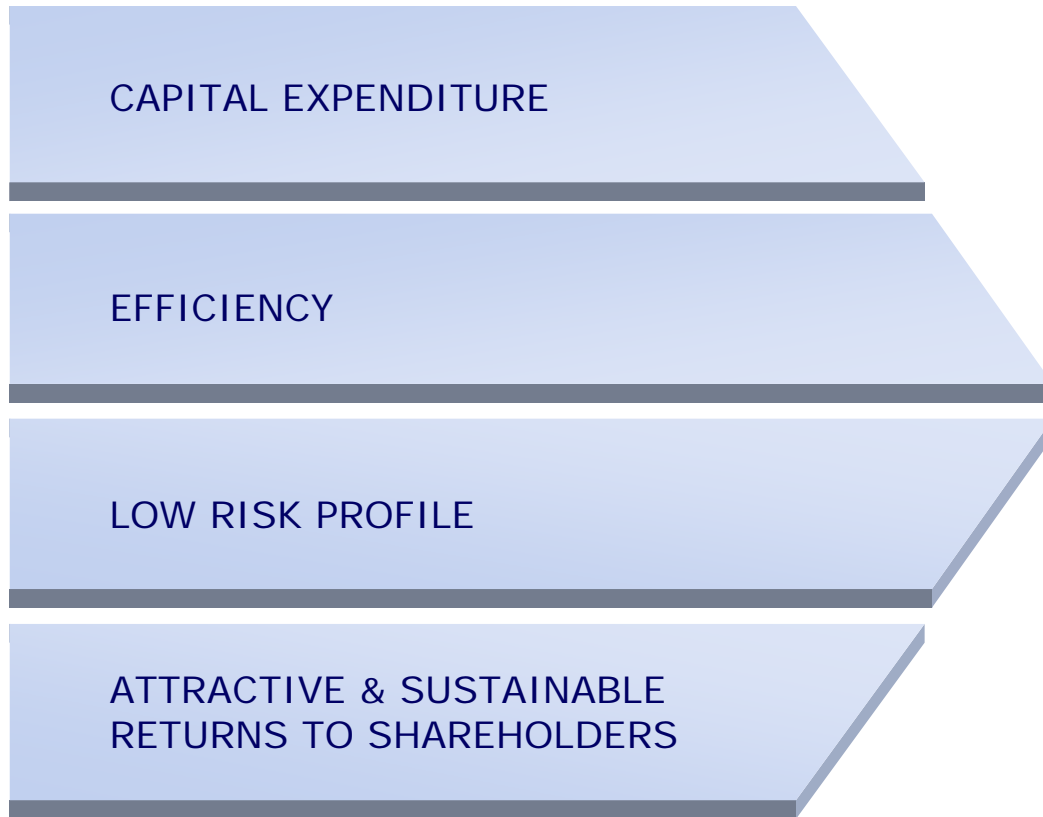
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## Benefiting from Integration

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Chief Executive Officer



- Regulatory framework
- Capex plan
- Efficiency in the New Group
- Capital structure
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## Regulatory framework



Capex plan



Efficiency in the New Group



Capital structure



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# Transport: Outcome for the Third Regulatory Period

## Clear and stable

- 4-year regulatory period (from 2010 to 2013)
- Transparent methodology to calculate allowed revenues
- RAB based on “re-valuated historical cost” methodology

## Attractive incentives

- Extra-return allowance on new investments
- Extra-efficiency retention on operating costs
- Financial efficiency retained in the period

## Long term visibility

- Up to 15 years premium on new investments
- Profit sharing retention gradually transferred to shippers in 8 years

## Low risk profile

- No inflation exposure (yearly adjustment of RAB and revenues)
- Very low gas demand exposure (increased capacity revenue)
- No exposure to fuel gas cost (pass through)

# Transport: Main Figures for the Third Regulatory Period

## Return on RAB

- 6.4% in real terms pre-tax
- 1% premium for 5 years for safety capex
- 2% premium for 7 - 10 years for capacity development capex
- 3% premium for 10 - 15 years for entry-capacity development capex
- Base rate and premium recognised on spending

## Depreciation

- 50 years pipeline (vs. 40 years in previous periods)
- 20 years pressure reduction system (vs. 40 years in previous periods)
- 5 years for ICT system (vs. 10 years in previous periods)

## Operating costs

- Actual cost of year 2008 increased by 50% of extra efficiency
- (RPI -X) applied only on commodity unit revenue
- X-factor determined to transfer extra efficiency in 8 years

## Tariff

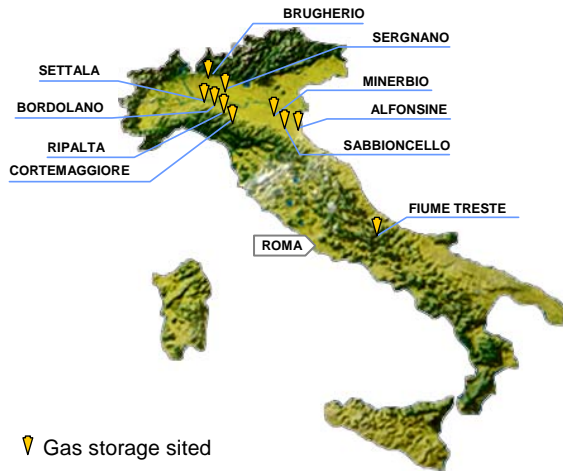
- Commodity reference volume: 75.7 bcm
- Entry/Exit tariff system confirmed



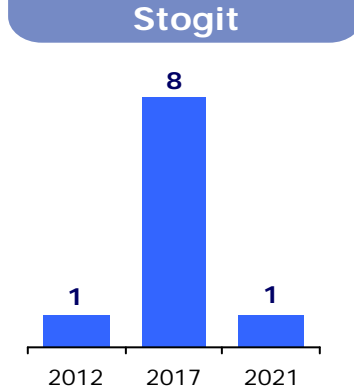
# A Clear and Stable Regulatory Framework along the Integrated Gas Chain

|                               | TRANSPORT   | DISTRIBUTION  | STORAGE   | REGASIFICATION   |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| RAB methodology               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-valued historical cost</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-valued historical cost</li> <li>Parametric method for central assets</li> </ul>                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-valued historical cost</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-valued historical cost</li> </ul>  |
| WACC real pre-tax             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6.4% (transport)</li> <li>6.9% (metering)</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7.6% (distribution)</li> <li>8.0% (metering)</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7.1%</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7.6%</li> </ul>   |
| INCENTIVES on new investments | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1% for 5 years (on security capex)</li> <li>2% for 7/10 years (on capacity development capex)</li> <li>3% for 10/15 years (on entry capacity development capex)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+2% for 8 years (on substitution of cast iron pipelines and the renewal of odorization systems)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+4% for 8 years (on development of existing sites)</li> <li>+4% for 16 years (on new sites)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+2% for 8 years (on development of existing terminals &lt;30%)</li> <li>+3% for 16 years (on new terminals or development &gt;30%)</li> </ul> |
| EFFICIENCY X-factor           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On opex to transfer extra efficiency in 8 years</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.2% on distribution opex</li> <li>3.6% on metering opex</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.0% on opex</li> <li>1.5% on depreciation</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0.5% on opex</li> </ul>   |

# Italgas & Stogit: Concession Framework



■ N° of concession to expire

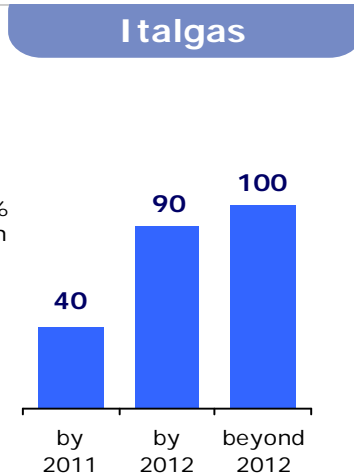


Renewable for a maximum of 2 times of 10 years each

- Not considerable concession risk
- Limited exposure to risk/opportunities deriving from different value of gas reserves at the end of the concession period
- Stogit applied in 2009 for the first 10 years extension of Fiume Treste



■ Cumulated % of concession expiry



- Concession framework to be completed in coming months
- New tender regime likely to favour efficient companies with large scale and established presence on the territory

Regulatory Framework

**Capex plan**

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## Transport & LNG

- Selected projects to meet capacity requirements and to increase flexibility and security of supply
- Consistent commitment to improve service quality
- Constant effort to facilitate the development of a European gas hub

## Distribution

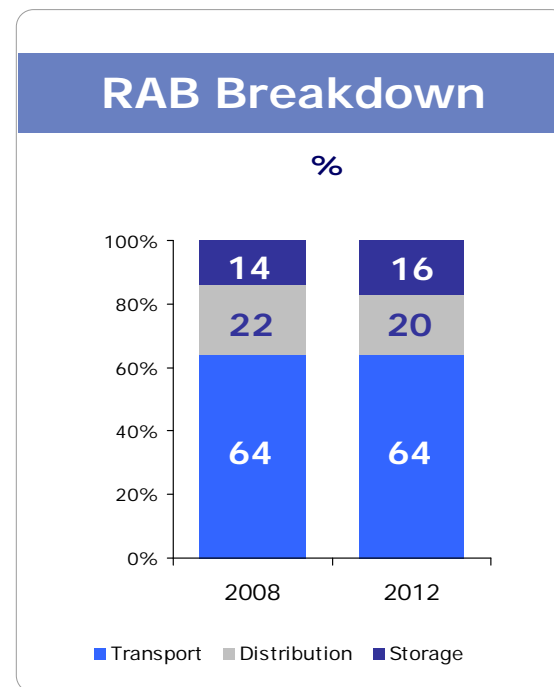
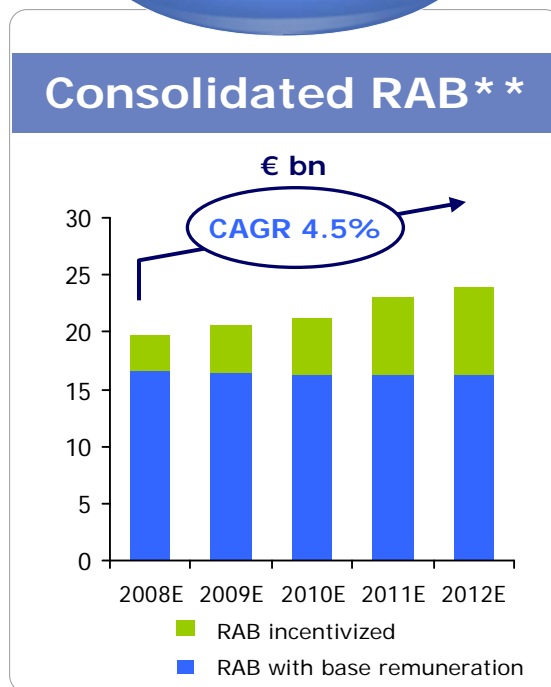
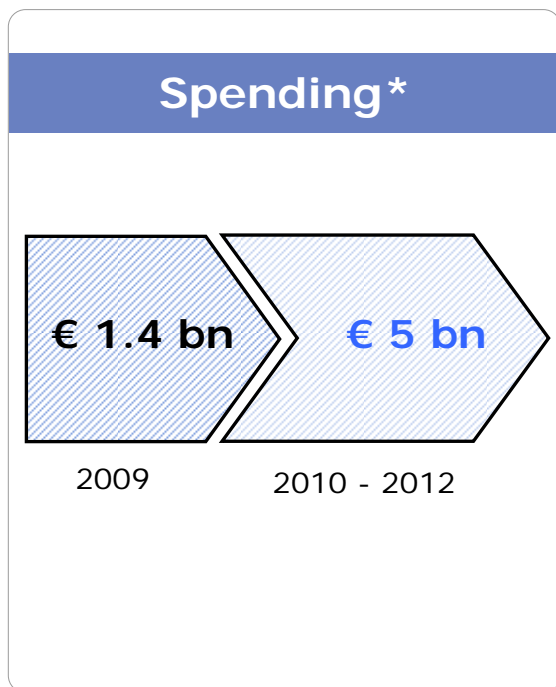
- Consolidate asset base increasing profitability
- Proactive and selective portfolio management
- Increase quality of service

## Storage

- Improve overall system security and flexibility, increasing capacity for modulation services and peak demand control
- Optimize balancing of the system
- Facilitate gas system liquidity

**To strengthen security , flexibility and service quality of the gas system**

**€6.4 billion**



**Significant programme to fuel profitable asset base growth**

\* Net of subsidies

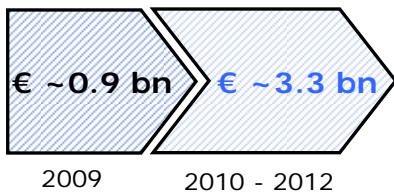
\*\* 2009 -2012 RAB evolution calculated assuming annual inflation rate of 2% and on the basis of the approved regulatory frameworks

# Capex Program Details

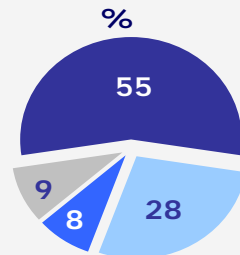


## Transport

### Spending (\*)



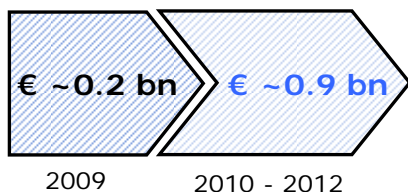
### 2009 – 2012 Incentive scheme



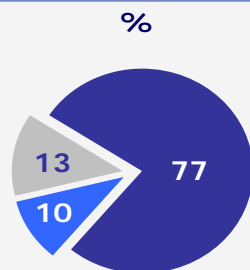
- Expansion & New entry points  
3% premium for 10 – 15 yrs
- Regional & National Develop.  
2% premium for 7 – 10 yrs
- Safety  
1% premium for 5 yrs
- Maintenance  
Base return: 6.4%

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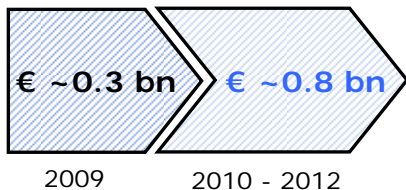
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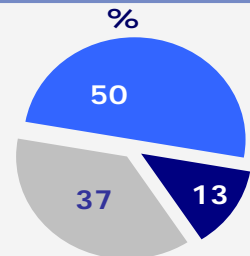
- Development of new fields  
4% premium for 16 yrs
- Expansion of existing fields  
4% premium for 8 yrs
- Maintenance  
Base return: 7.1%

## Distribution

### Spending (\*)



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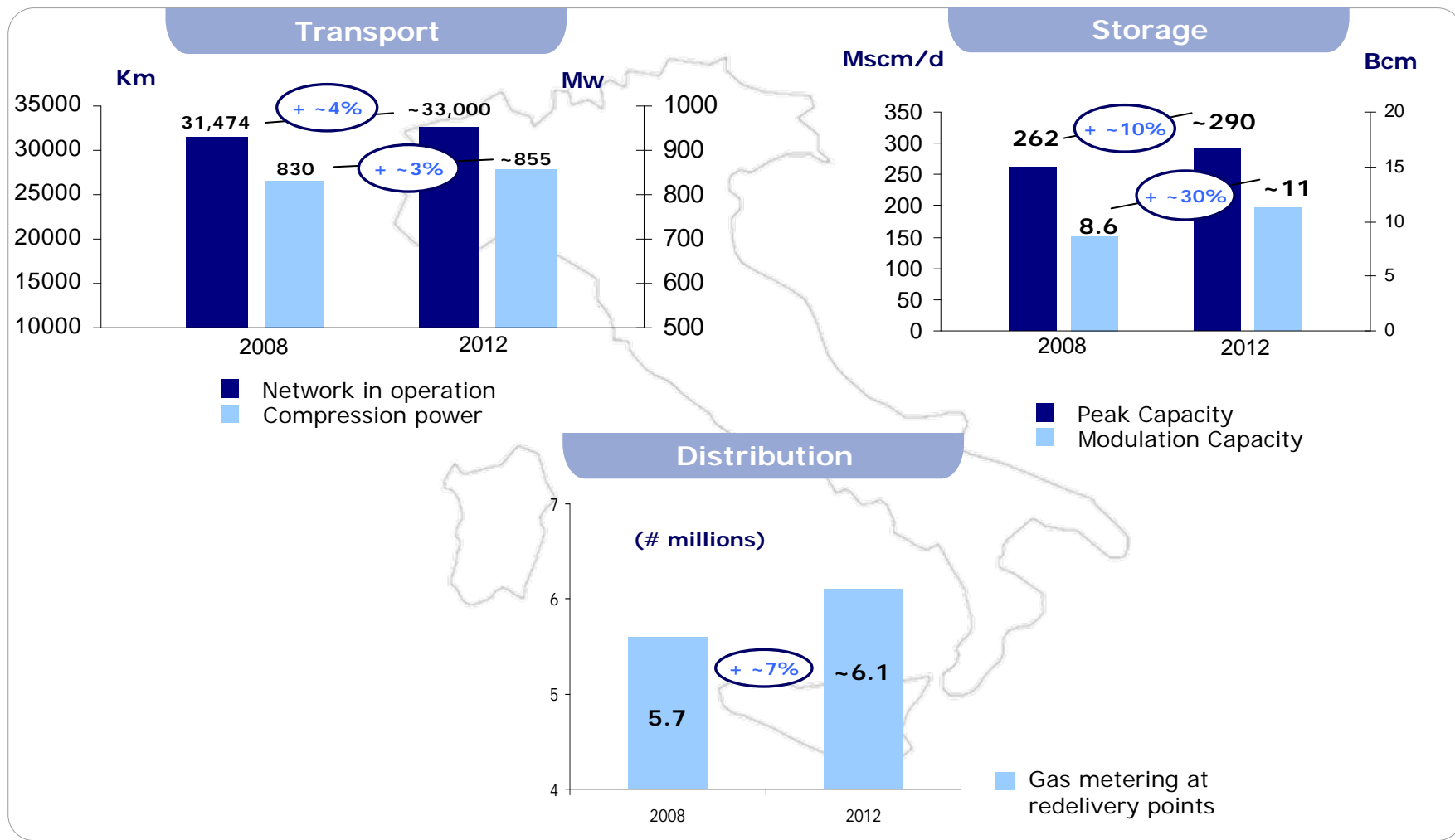


- Substitution of cast iron pipes  
2% premium for 8 yrs
- Metering  
8% allowed return
- Other investments  
Base return: 7.6%



\* Net of subsidies

# Develop New System Requirements to Increase Flexibility and Security



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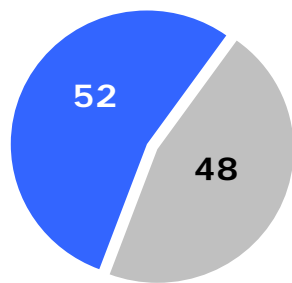
## Controllable fixed costs (in real terms)

FY 2008

Total amount\*:  
€ 500 mln

%

Labour cost

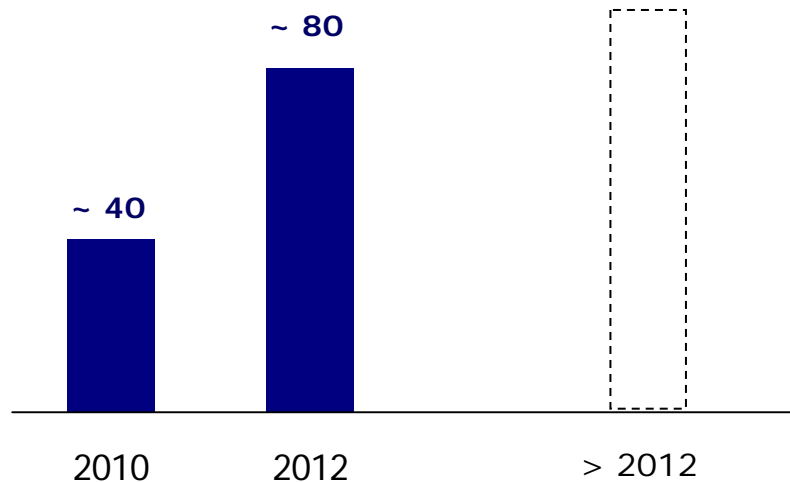


External costs

\* Pro-forma figure

Annual Savings\*

€m



\*Based on 2008 controllable fixed costs

- 2012 efficiency target announced in February expected to be achieved in 2010
- Doubling the preliminary value estimated by 2012
- Additional savings beyond 2012



## Operations

- Operational and maintenance best practices applied throughout the entire group
- Implementation of technological advanced standards
- Standardization of network management process & network overlaps reduction
- Integration of metering and dispatching activities

## Shared Services

- Centralization of services
  - Personnel
  - Logistics
  - Administrative
  - Real Estate
  - Facility Management
  - Standard ICT Technology
- Standardization of systems and processes

Overall amount  
of efficiencies in  
2012  
~ € 80 mln\*

## ICT

- Integrated management of hardware and software
- Development of an integrated ICT system
- Simplify systems architecture

## Supply Chain/Procurement

- Higher purchasing power due to increased volumes
- New terms and conditions aligned to best practices
- Exploiting economies of scale

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# Solid and efficient Capital Structure

## STRONG & EFFICIENT BALANCE SHEET

- Confirming leverage targets in the medium/long term

2009-2012  
Average

(D/RAB)

~ 50%

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Cost of debt

Average 3.04%

Fixed

4.36%

Floating

1.18%

## LIMITED EXPOSURE TO INTEREST RATES

- Controlling P&L results volatility in the medium term
- Benefiting current low interest rate scenario

Fixed-rate debt

50%-60% of the total

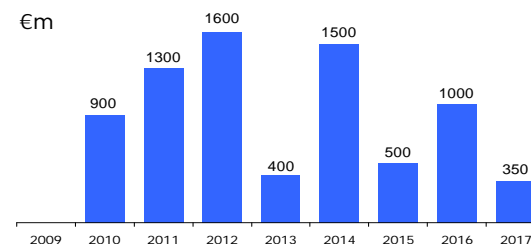
Average duration fixed debt

~ 4 years

## LIMITED REFINANCING RISKS

- M/L term debt: ~ 80% of the total
- Average M/L duration ~ 4 years

€m



M/L Term Debt Maturity Profile at Sept. 2009

## SOURCES OF FUNDINGS DIVERSIFICATION

- EIB funding re-opened

Credit Facility

A new € 300 mln credit facility approved

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**Final Remarks**

**ROBUST SHAREHOLDERS  
RETURNS IN A GROWING  
BUSINESS**

2008-2012

Estimated CAGR RAB 4.5%

Expected incentivised RAB from 15% to 30%

**SIGNIFICANT VALUE  
CREATION THROUGH  
SYNERGIES**

Savings in 2012

~ € 80 mln\*

**DIVIDEND SUSTAINABILITY**

FY 2009

Expected FY 2009 DPS 3x  
Interim Dividend level (0.06 €/share)

**TOP RANKING YIELD IN THE  
EUROPEAN UTILITY SECTOR**

Dividend Yield FY 2008

5.9%\*\*

\* Calculated on 2008 controllable fixed cost

\*\* Calculated on the average stock price in the period 1 January-23 April 2009 (right issue start)

## CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

- To meet market needs in the long term
- To increase security and flexibility of the system



To drive profitable long term growth

## EFFICIENCY

- Organizational & Operational
- Capital structure



Exploit synergy potential to strengthen SRG unique value creating track record

## LOW RISK PROFILE

- Focus on gas regulated business
- Preserve solid balance sheet in the medium-long term



Maximise value through the whole chain of the gas business

## SHAREHOLDERS RETURNS

- Attractive
- Sustainable



Confirmed attractive and sustainable return policy supported by organic growth, integration synergies and a solid capital structure



Q & A Session



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