# Capital Markets Day Hydro Agri

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# **Agri Turnaround goals exceeded**

## '000 NOK 3000 2400 - 2700 2718 2500 2000 1500 1350 1000 500 0 Goal Oct. Revised goal Actual 3Q01\* 1999 Dec. 2000

**Cost reductions** 

## Demanning



\* Total fixed cost reductions 2,226 MNOK compared with 1998 level

### Agri Turnaround goals exceeded

Since 1999, our agri business has been through one of the toughest turnarounds in our company's history, with a manning reduction of about 35% and a corresponding reduction in fixed costs.

We announced in October 1999 our strategy for a turnaround program to be completed in 2001. The first targets for manning and cost reductions are shown on this slide. A year later, we announced a further increase in performance improvements. Even though the goals have been increased several times, we have outperformed even the high end of our most ambitious targets.



# Many closures and divestments of non-core businesses since 1999

### Plants

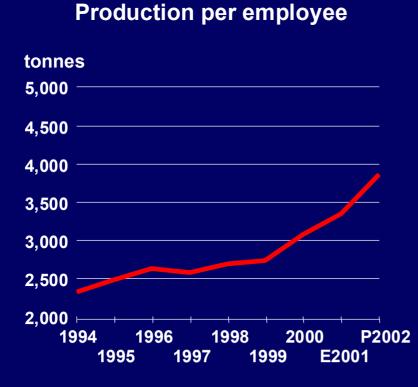
- Immingham fertilizer production
- Landskrona fertilizer production
- Montoir nitrate production
- Hurel Arc
- Socadour
- Socofer La Pallice
- Oberhausen
- Barletta
- Porsgrunn potassium nitrate production
- Glomfjord REO production
- Vlaardingen (to JV)
- Hydro Oleochemicals
- Hydelko
- Danish propane business
- Swedish non-CO<sub>2</sub> gas business
- Hydroship Services
- Hydro Shipping Agency Group

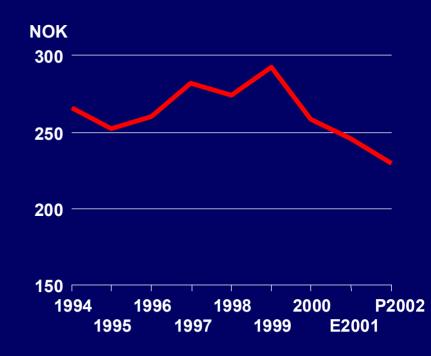
- Fertilizer marketing organizations
  - Hungary
  - Ukraine
  - Bulgaria
  - Slovakia
  - Rumania
  - Slovenia
  - Croatia
  - Latvia (51%)
- Czech non-fertilizer distributors
- Polish non-fertilizer distributors
- Agtec
- Chafer Machinery
- Noru Priroda mill
- Burlington River Terminal (to JV)
- Hydro Hagebruk (to JV)
- Various ships

#### **Many closures and divestments of non-core businesses since 1999** There was a large over-capacity of nitrate fertilizers in Europe. Hydro initiated an industry restructuring by closing down 1 million tonnes of product. So far the total capacity reduction is around 3 million tonnes of product. Restructuring is also taking place in the NPK business where Hydro has closed half a million tonnes of capacity. Hydro has also closed or divested non-core activities and activities below critical size. Our philosophy of active portfolio management is illustrated by our exit list which includes more than 30 businesses and plants since 1999.

# Large productivity improvements

## **European plants**





Fixed costs per tonne\*

\* Excluding non-recurring items

### Large productivity improvements

A steady rise in production per employee in Europe was further accelerated by the Turnaround program. Fixed costs per tonne fertilizer have fallen significantly since 1999. Our competitiveness has improved dramatically and further improvements are planned for 2002. The improved structure and quality of our production assets in Europe are now providing large contributions to our improvement in overall profitability.



# Seizing business opportunities at the bottom of the business cycle

**Ownership share in parentheses** 

- Trevo, Brazil (91%)
- Kynoch, South Africa (100%)
- Philphos marketing agreement, Philippines (0%)
- SQM marketing agreement, Chile (0%)
- Qafco IV expansion and marketing agreement (25%)

An asset light strategy with Marketing share > Ownership share

#### Seizing business opportunities at the bottom of the business cycle

At the bottom part of the business cycle, when businesses can be acquired at favourable prices, we have also seized the opportunity for asset light growth focused on high potential emerging markets. Whenever possible, we attempt to get a higher marketing share than our share of asset ownership, creating opportunities for a stable cash flow with minimal cyclical swings. One example is our 25% ownership in the world's largest and most cost-effective ammonia and urea facility, where we have a marketing agreement for approximately 50% (twice our ownership share).

## **Strong leadership and focus on main value drivers**

## Productivity

Productivity improvements will be our trademark

## Portfolio

We own assets by design, not by default

## Growth

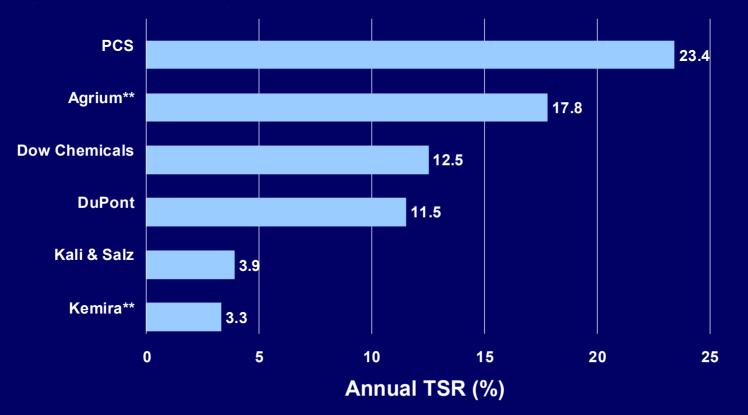
Asset light strategy with focus on supply/demand balance

### Strong leadership and focus on main value drivers

As already illustrated, Hydro Agri creates value by focusing on three main value drivers: Continuous productivity improvement, active portfolio management and asset light growth. We have ambitious growth targets but focus on asset light opportunities when we are able to acquire less than 100% of an asset and still achieve our cash flow targets.

# Shareholder value - the best fertilizer performers have done well

Average annual Total Shareholder Return\* across the business cycle (1991-2000)



\* TSR = Share price appreciation + dividends to shareholders

\*\* Agrium from merger in 1993 to 2000, Kemira from IPO in 1994 to 2000

Source: BCG database

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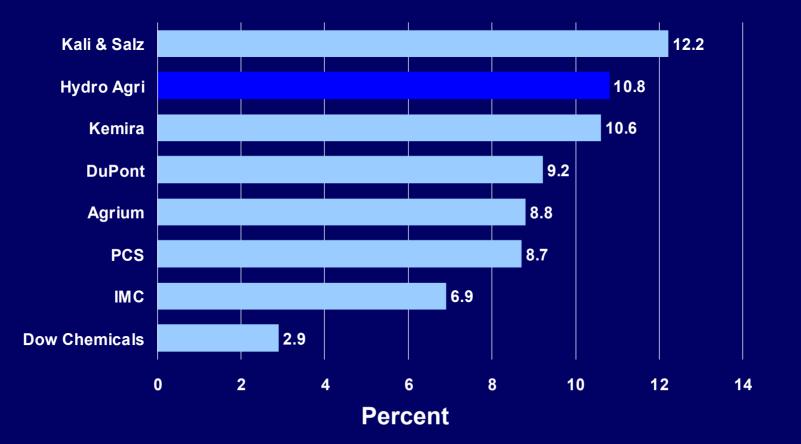
#### Shareholder value - the best fertilizer performers...

The best fertilizer companies have delivered competitive shareholder returns over time, well above some of the major chemical companies. Excellent performance over time is rewarded by the stock market. The market's current poor perception of the fertilizer industry in Europe is to a large extent created by the past problems of the industry. The restructuring now taking place will very much improve this situation. For Hydro Agri, our European business is currently showing attractive returns.



# **Top quartile Hydro Agri performance in 2001**

Gross return on assets\* Jan. - Sep. 2001



\* Gross return on assets is similar to CROGI and defined as EBITDA divided by Total assets

Source: Company quarterly reports

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### Top quartile Hydro Agri performance in 2001

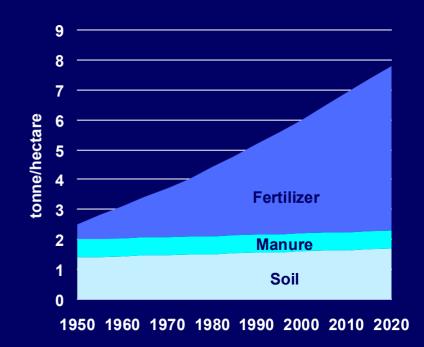
In a very competitive industry, Hydro Agri has steadily been strengthening its results since our Turnaround program started in 1999. In the first three quarters of 2001, we find ourselves in the top quartile of our peer group and we have steady momentum towards even higher levels of performance.



## **Fundamental forces drive growth**

Expected growth 2-3% per year

- World population growing
- Land availability limited
- Mineral fertilizer only sustainable major source of nutrient



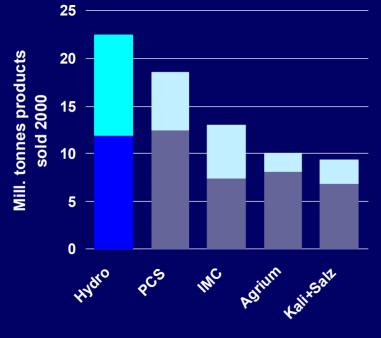
## **Nutrient Sources**

Source: IFA, Worldmarkets.com, PCS, Hydro

### Fundamental forces drive growth

Although the annual industry growth is not very high, it has been remarkably stable over several decades. A rising world population, combined with a declining amount of arable land per person requires more food production from a limited land base. Increased use of fertilizers, particularly in developing nations which face the largest population growth, will be critical to produce the necessary amount of food.

# Our agri business is a unique combination of size and global presence

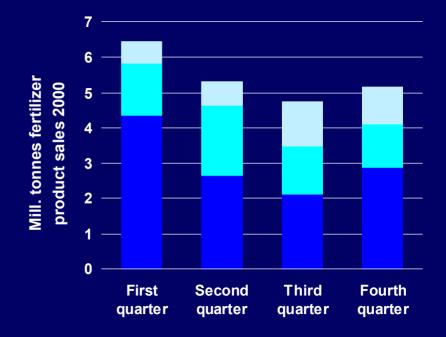


All fertilizer products

- Hydro Overseas
- Hydro Europe
- Overseas

Home market

## Hydro Agri Non-European sales reduce seasonality



- Europe
- Other Northern hemisphere
- Southern hemisphere

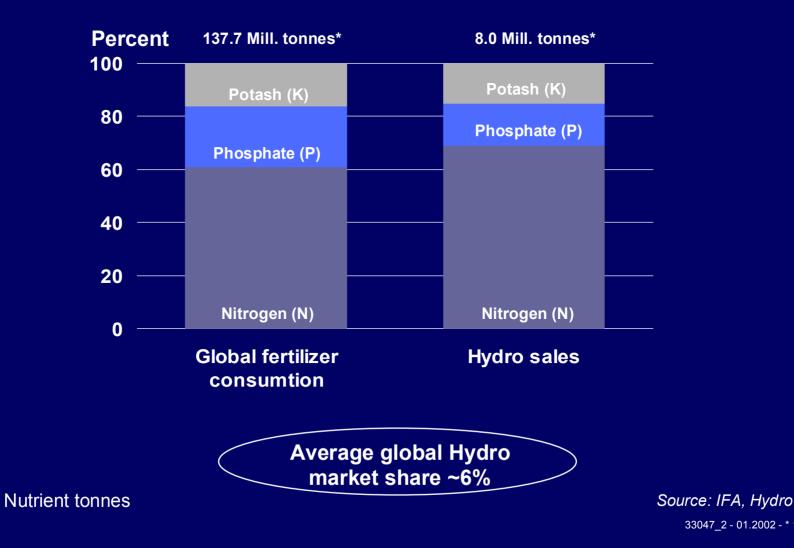
Source: Annual reports

**Our agri business is a unique combination of size and global presence** Hydro is number one in fertilizer sales compared with other fertilizer companies. Almost half of our sales take place outside of our home market Europe. This puts Hydro in a unique position in the industry and make our profits less exposed to seasonality and problems in one specific geographical region. This becomes even more pronounced as Europe's importance gradually diminishes.

# Hydro Agri sales are well balanced among the three important nutrients

**2000** sales

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## Hydro Agri sales are well balanced among the three important nutrients

Compared with the global fertilizer consumption, Hydro's sales are well balanced between the three primary nutrients. As nitrogen is the most important and hence the largest plant nutrient in terms of consumption, our sales also have a higher share of nitrogen than the other nutrients. Our comprehensive product portfolio enable us to fully satisfy the needs of farmers and distributors.



**Overseas volume increasing**, **Europe stagnating** Mill. tonnes Mill. tonnes Third party/ JV products Europe Hydro produced products **Overseas** 2001E 

## Third party sourcing increasing

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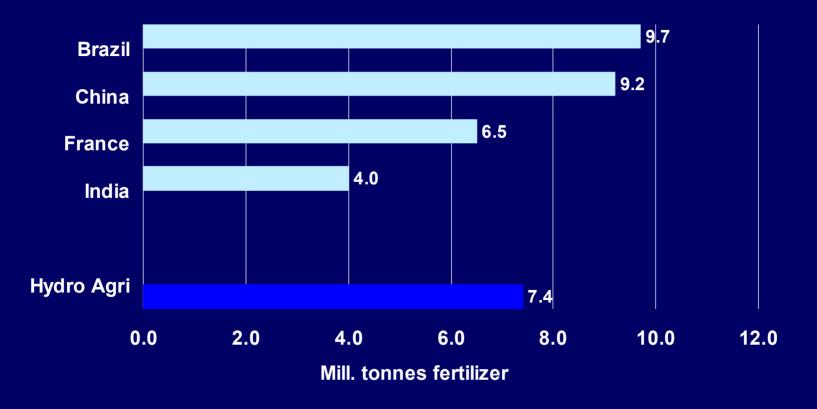
### Sourcing strategy for overseas growth

While fertilizer consumption in Europe is stagnating, many overseas markets continue their strong growth. This is reflected in our sales profile (left graph). In 2001, our sales in Europe were affected by a significant reduction in fertilizer consumptions caused by exceptionally bad weather in spring.

Hydro's increasing share of third party products and products from production and marketing joint ventures give us increased sales and cash flows without the exposure created from owning large fixed assets.

# Strong leverage based on purchasing power

Hydro Agri's fertilizer purchasing is similar to the entire imports of large countries



\* Products included are Urea, AN, CAN, AS, DAP, MAP, TSP, MOP, SOP

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#### Strong leverage based on purchasing power

Our extensive sourcing from other producers gives us a purchasing power which ensures that Hydro gets the best fertilizer prices. This makes it less important whether we produce basic fertilizer products ourselves or source them from others. Many of our fertilizer suppliers also provide raw materials for our own fertilizer production. This adds to our procurement leverage and economies of scale.

# Hydro Agri, the global leader in

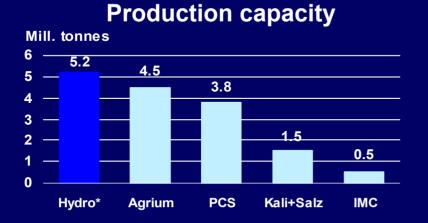
- Ammonia the basis for all nitrogen fertilizer
- Nitrates the most important fertilizer in Europe
- Balanced fertilization (NPK) serving value-added segments
- Speciality fertilizers serving high margin cash crop markets
- Industrial applications mainly in Europe
- Global marketing network local activities in more than 60 countries on all continents

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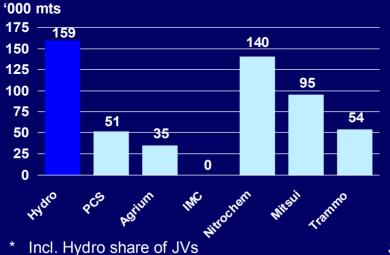
- \* Hydro has the highest market share in traded (non-captive) ammonia which is used to make nitrogen fertilizers.
- \* Hydro has the highest market share in nitrates, the most important type of fertilizer in Europe.
- \* Hydro's cash costs in NPK production are lower than for other producers using a different production process. NPK is the fastest growing volume fertilizer product category.
- \* Hydro has the world's largest sales of speciality fertilizers. While own produced Calcium Nitrate (CN) form the basis, the alliance with Chilean SQM, the leading player in Potassium Nitrate (PN), has created a unique business concept which is hard to copy by any other fertilizer company.
- \* In the European CO2 market, Hydro is the leading supplier with a market share of around 30%, approximately twice that of the nearest competitor. Hydro also has dominant positions in other industrial gases and technical ammonium nitrate in Europe.
- \* Hydro has a global market share of about 6% which is twice the size of the next largest companies, PCS, IMC and Agrium.



# Hydro is the leading ammonia player



**Shipping capacity** 





## Maritime storage capacity



Source: Company info, Blue-Johnson, British Sulphur, Hydro,

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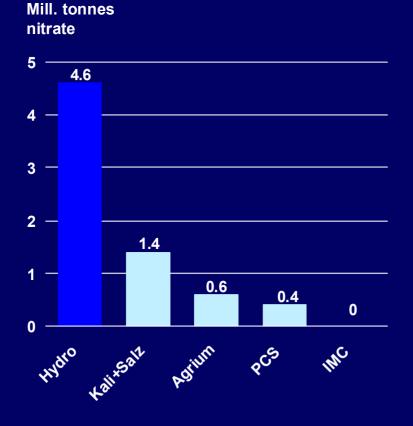
### Hydro is the leading ammonia player

On all relevant parameters, Hydro is the largest ammonia player, including when looking beyond the traditional fertilizer industry. This is important due to ammonia's critical role as raw material for fertilizer production. Furthermore, having extensive production, shipping and logistical networks enable Hydro to compete for contracts few others are able to compete for.



# Hydro is the leader in nitrate production

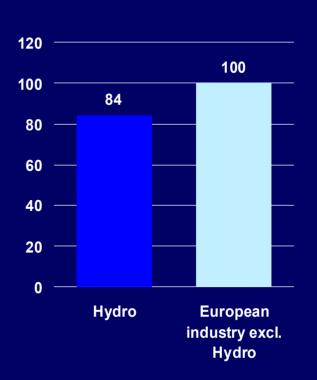
## Total production capacity 2000



Average production cost 2000

Indexed cost

per tonne



Source: Nitrex-Complex, EFMA

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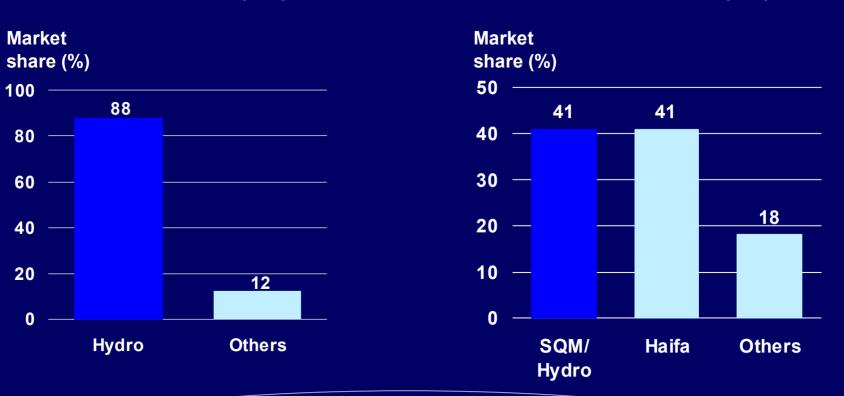
### Hydro is the leader in nitrate production

In nitrates, the most important fertilizer in Europe, Hydro is the largest and most cost effective producer. While the European nitrate industry suffered under structural over capacity until 1999/2000, industry closures of 3 million tonnes, to which Hydro contributed 1 million tonnes, have created a better supply/demand balance. Capacity utilization is now approaching attractive levels.



# Leading market position in speciality fertilizers

**Calcium Nitrate (CN)** 



Calcium Nitrate and Potassium Nitrate constitute approximately 65% of total speciality fertilizer market

Potassium Nitrate (PN)

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#### Leading market position in speciality fertilizers

There is high potential for value creation in speciality products for high value cash crops. Hydro has strong market positions in the two main fertilizers, Calcium Nitrate and Potassium Nitrate, which together constitute the bulk of the speciality fertilizer market. Hydro's unique nitrophosphate production technology has given us a superior position for Calcium Nitrate, and our recent global marketing agreement with the Chilean fertilizer company SQM has also given us a strong position in the other main product, Potassium Nitrate. In total, this enables Hydro to supply our customers with an attractive product mix at favourable prices.



# Strong position in selected industrial applications

- Leading supplier of CO<sub>2</sub> in Europe
- Strong position in the high growth segment for environmental products
- Leading supplier of technical ammonium nitrate to the civil explosives industry
- Strong financial performance over time

### Strong position in selected industrial applications

Hydro Agri's Gas and Chemicals business is a successful niche player and has enjoyed stable and good profitability and healthy growth over a number of years. In addition to being the leading supplier of CO2 and technical nitrate products in Europe, Hydro also has a market share of around 20% in industrial gases in Scandinaviaand is seeing interesting growth for nitrogen chemicals in environmental markets.



# KFK: Step change in creating shareholder value

KFK in an aggressive turnaround mode

- Large improvements being implemented in existing feed and grain business
- New farm management strategy being rolled out, shifting focus to higher margin segments

## Hydro's ownership position

- Strong support of new management and value creation efforts
- Hydro's strategic link to KFK diminished
- Ownership will be reduced

### KFK

KFK has launched an ambitious turnaround program for their core activities. In addition, a new farm management strategy has been designed to provide step change in value creation and total shareholder returns. As KFK is no longer a core business to Hydro, ownership will be reduced. Both for Hydro and KFK, it will be important to find new owners which can strongly support new opportunities for KFK.



## Hydro Agri's global leadership strategies



#### Hydro Agri's global leadership strategies

We will continue to develop each of our areas of strength and get full leverage of our size wherever we are present. Still, we have a pragmatic attitude to our portfolio and we will continue to apply an up-or-out policy to assets which do not perform. We will also continue to search for new high potential business opportunities. Our size and reach make Hydro Agri attractive to players who want to exit the business or enter into alliances. This is becoming an important competitive advantage in light of the ongoing indus try consolidation.

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## **Ambitious financial targets**

### Have an average profitability across the cycle which is

- higher than Hydro's general requirement of 10% CROGI
- in the best quartile of chemical industry peers
- leading among agri companies
- Pursue an asset light growth strategy
- Make good profits at bottom of business cycle

Targeted annual EBITDA growth in 2002 and 2003: 10-15%
 Minimum EBITDA at bottom of business cycle: 3 BNOK

#### **Ambitious financial targets**

During the past three years, Hydro Agri has demonstrated its ability to execute a challenging turnaround with an impressive financial recovery, leading to top quartile industry performance. Going forward, Hydro Agri will strengthen its leading position and continue to grow its cash flow. This will be done through a combination of asset light growth, continued productivity improvements and active portfolio management.



## Hydro Agri: Key messages

- Agri Turnaround targets exceeded
- Unique business model based on global strengths
- Strong platform for future value creation
- Good industry performers deliver competitive shareholder returns

#### Hydro Agri: Key messages

We have met our Turnaround targets and compare favourably with our peers in 2001 and we believe that we now have a strong platform for the future. We continue to have a strong belief in the fertilizer industry and believe that Hydro Agri will create considerable value for our shareholders. Our leadership team and the competence and skills in our organisation are second to none in our industry and we have confidence in our ability to create value in the years ahead.

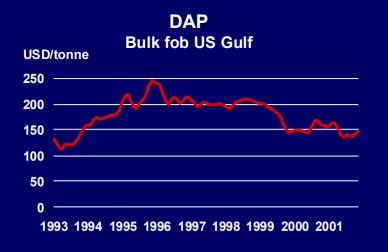


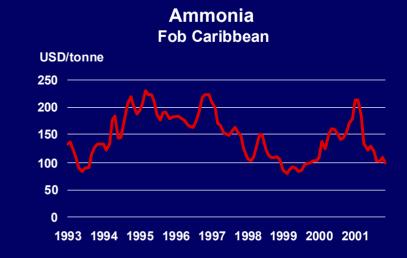
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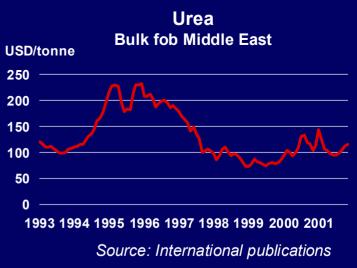


### **Fertilizer prices**









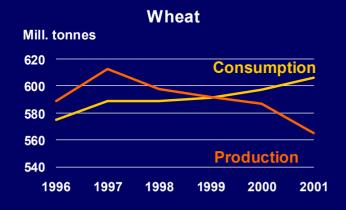
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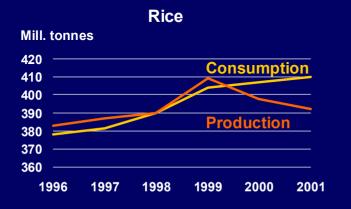
# There are positive short term market trends

- World cereal consumption is now higher than production, leading to reduced stocks
- Cereal and international fertilizer prices are below historic averages but increasing
- This should lead to increased demand and higher prices for fertilizers

## Cereal consumption now higher than production, calling for increased fertilizer demand







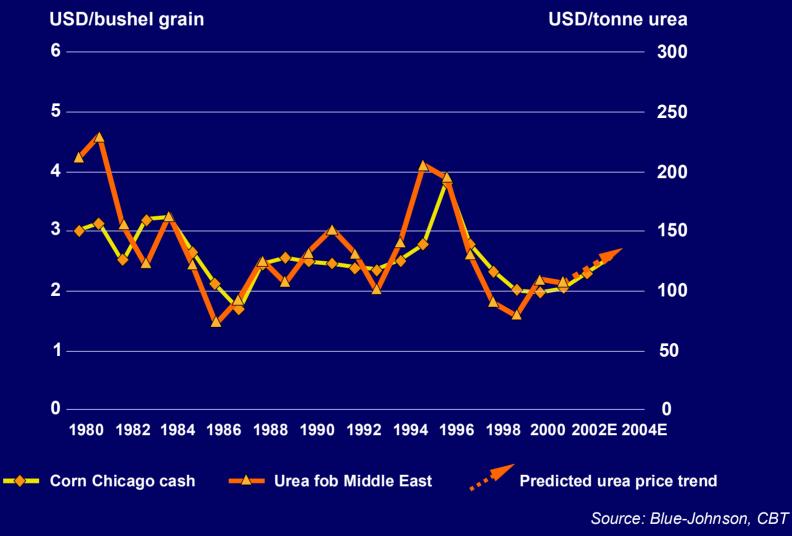


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### Grain prices correlate with fertilizer prices and indicate price increase in next years

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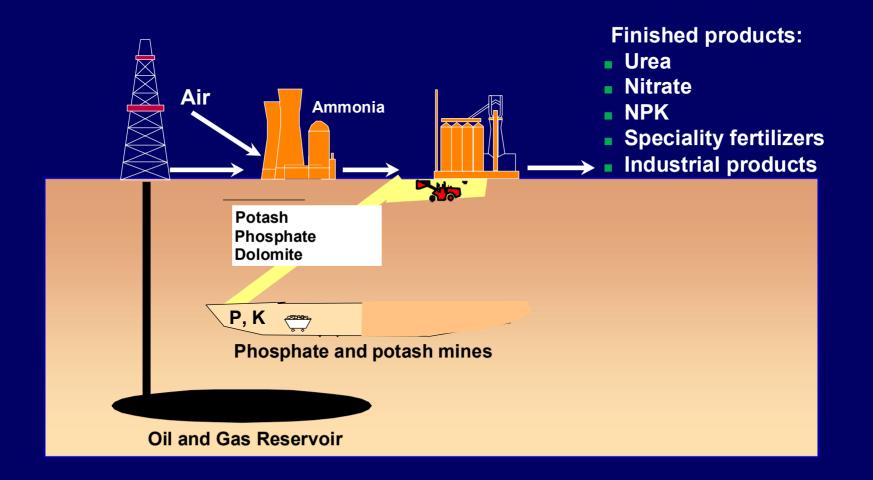
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# **Energy and ammonia are the basis for mineral fertilizer**





## Hydro Agri structure





## Safe harbour statement

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## Capital Markets Day Hydro Oil & Energy

Executive Vice President Tore Torvund Norsk Hydro ASA Oslo, January 8, 2002



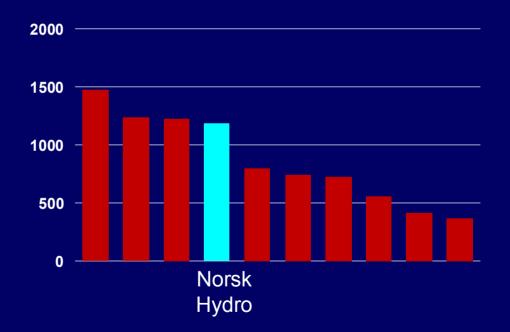


## **Hydro Oil and Energy**

### **Competitive edge:**

- Large operator
- Strong and innovative technology
- Commercial track record

## Offshore Operator production mill. barrels/day



Source: Oil & Gas Journal McKinsey 33047\_5 - 01.2002 - \* 2 - Hydro Media

## **Oil and Energy 2001 delivery**

### **Objectives CMD December 2000**

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**Production growth** 

International build up \_

**Actions taken** 

- Snorre B, Girassol and Terra Nova
  2001 production in line with revised forecast
  5-6% CAGR\* 2001 2005
  - 30% awarded in Angolan block 34 Farm-in Gulf of Mexico and Angolan block 25

Positioning for liberalised European gas market

Reduced F&D cost

SDFI positioning

- Implementation of company based sales from NCS Continued build up of commercial activities
- New projects confirm direction
- Application deadline 10. January

\* CAGR: Compound annual growth rate

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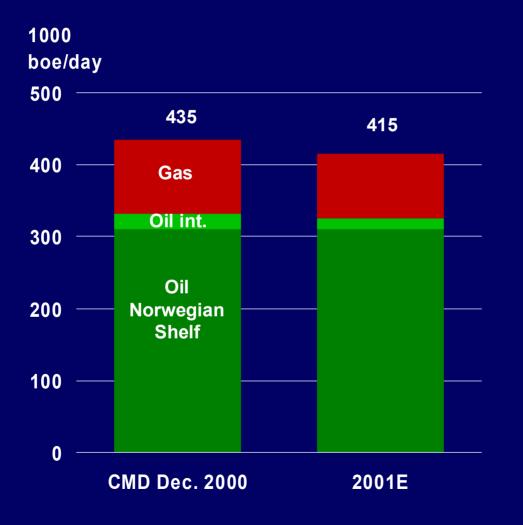


## **Improving performance in 2001**

- Maintain positive safety trend
- Maintain operating performance in first quartile
- Delivering projects on cost and schedule
- High-grading of global exploration portfolio
- Divestment of non-core licences
- Capital discipline



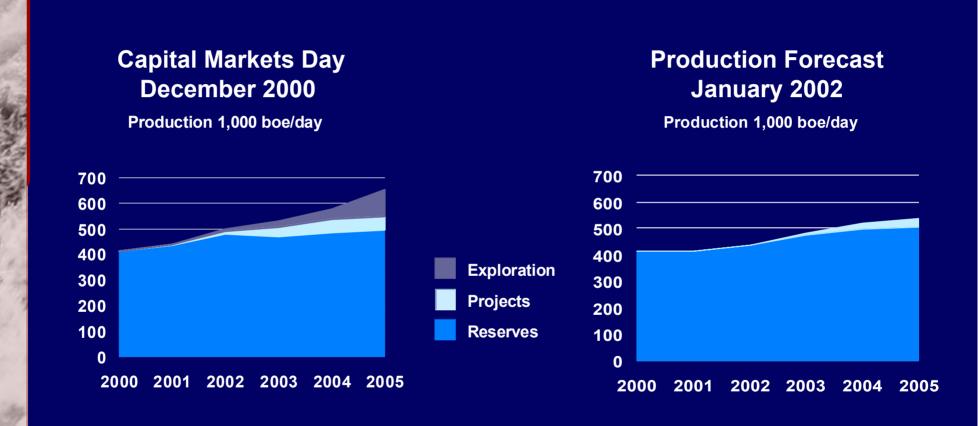
## **Production 2001**



- NCS oil production in line with expectations
- Lower customer gas offtake
- Lower international oil production due to delayed start up new fields

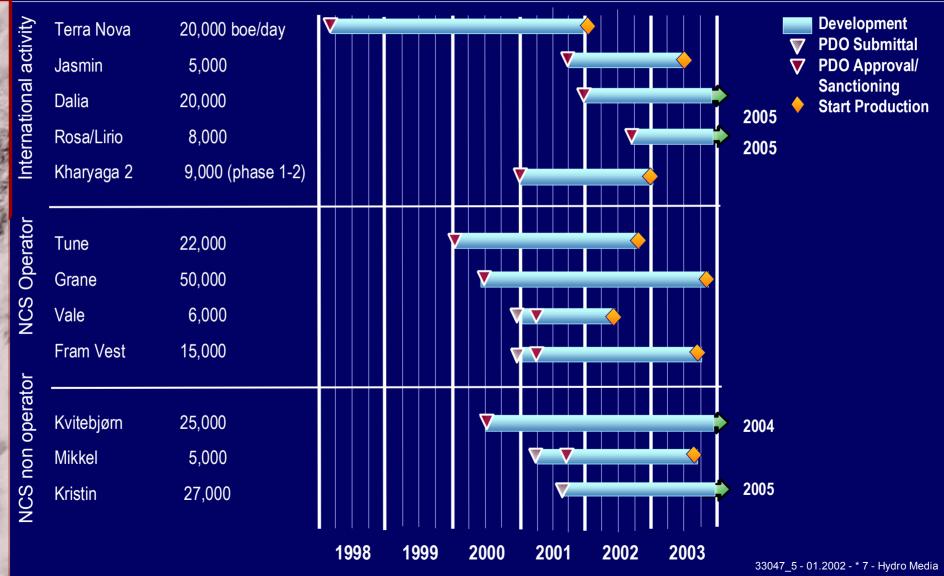


## **Growth within existing portfolio**



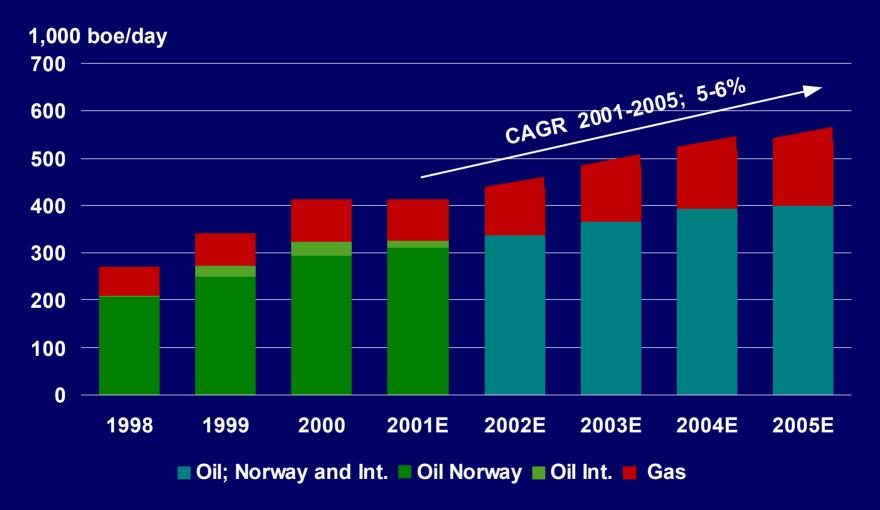


## New fields on stream 2002 - 2005





## **Strong production growth**



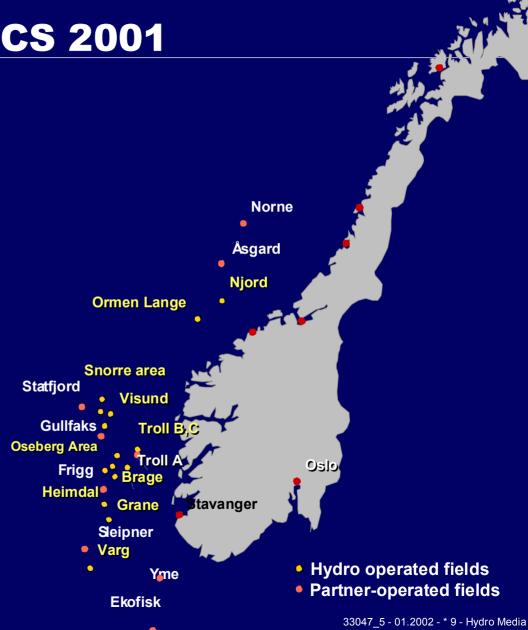
NCS production cut first half 2002 included

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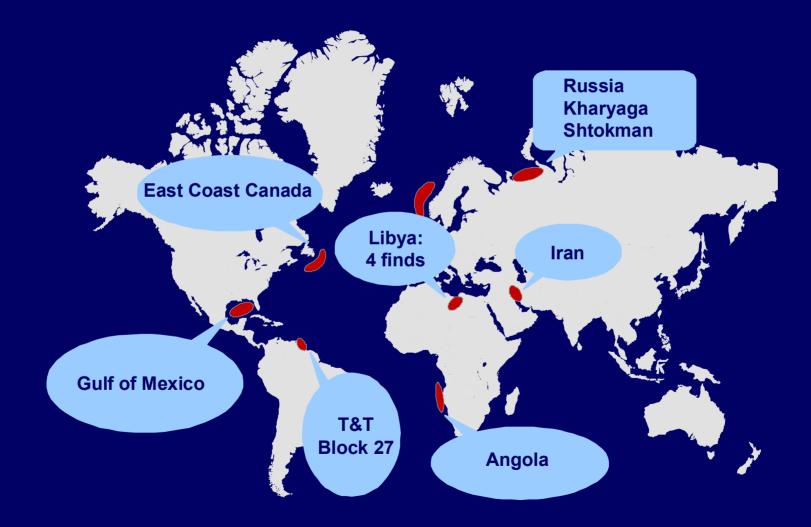
## Norsk Hydro main events on NCS 2001

- Snorre B and Gullfaks satellites in production
  - Vesterled gas pipeline in operation
- Snøhvit, Kristin and Mikkel development plans submitted
- Satellite discoveries around Oseberg and Snorre
- Non core acreage sold
- SDFI: Hydro priority to strengthen key operated fields



# International activities — 2001 main events

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## Angola — an area of significant growth

- Girassol start up December 2001
- Another two finds in Block 17 declared commercial
  - Award of Block 34 30% equity
    - Co-operation with Sonangol, Hydro technical assistant
    - Application of NCS experience
- Block 25 farm in 10% equity





## **Canada** — further developments

- Hibernia stable production
- Terra Nova on stream January 2002
- New find in Terra Nova Far East
- Hebron on schedule for concept selection 2002
- Successful deep water acreage bid - Scotian Shelf





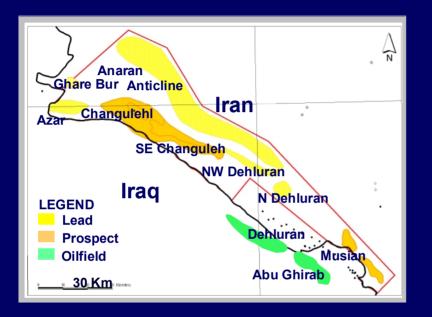
## US — Gulf of Mexico Potential new core area

- Comprehensive farm-in deal with Conoco
  - Hydro 25% working interest in 55 leases
  - Option for participation in 178 leases through 2005
- Evaluation of further joint business development activities





## Iran — Anaran Exploration Contract



Exploration contract signed between NIOC and Hydro April 9th 2000

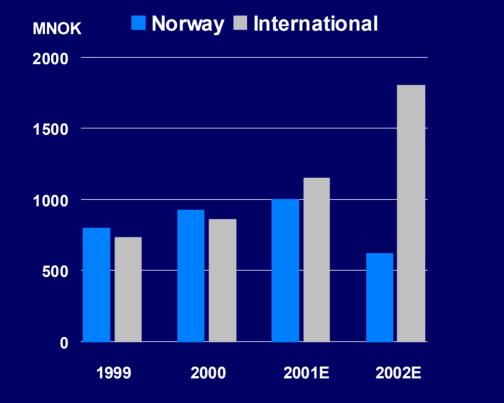
- Exploration area of 3 260 km<sup>2</sup>
- Mine clearance & seismic acquisition in 2001 and 2002
- First well expected Q3 2002

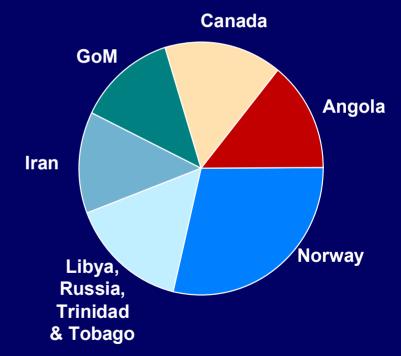




## **2002** — shift in exploration focus

**Exploration - 2002E** 







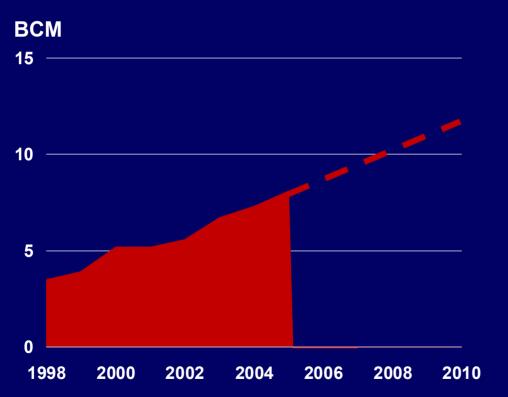
## **Exploration 2002** — significant wells

Location	Norsk Hydro share	Well expec. finalised
NCS Solsikke	50%	3Q 2002
Canada - Anapolis	25%	1Q 2002
Canada - Flemish pass	30%	3Q 2002
Trinidad Tobago - Catfish	19%	1Q 2002
Angola Block 34	30%	3Q 2002
GoM - 3 wells	25%	2002
Iran - Anaran	100%	3Q 2002



## Third largest gas producer on the NCS

## Norsk Hydro expected natural gas production



- Total Norwegian gas export 2010 approx. 110 BCM
- Company based sales introduced
- Market development
  - Continental market driven by gas to power needs
  - UK need for imports
  - New markets; Scandinavia and Poland



# Ormen Lange — the most important gas discovery since Troll

- Reserves: 400 bcm
- Hydro operator for the most challenging development on NCS
- Market gas at competitive costs; Target; 2 USD/mill. BTU
  - Plan for development 4Q 2003
- Production start 2007

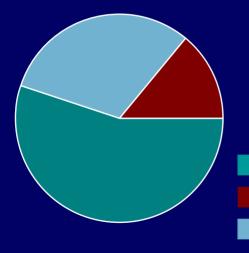




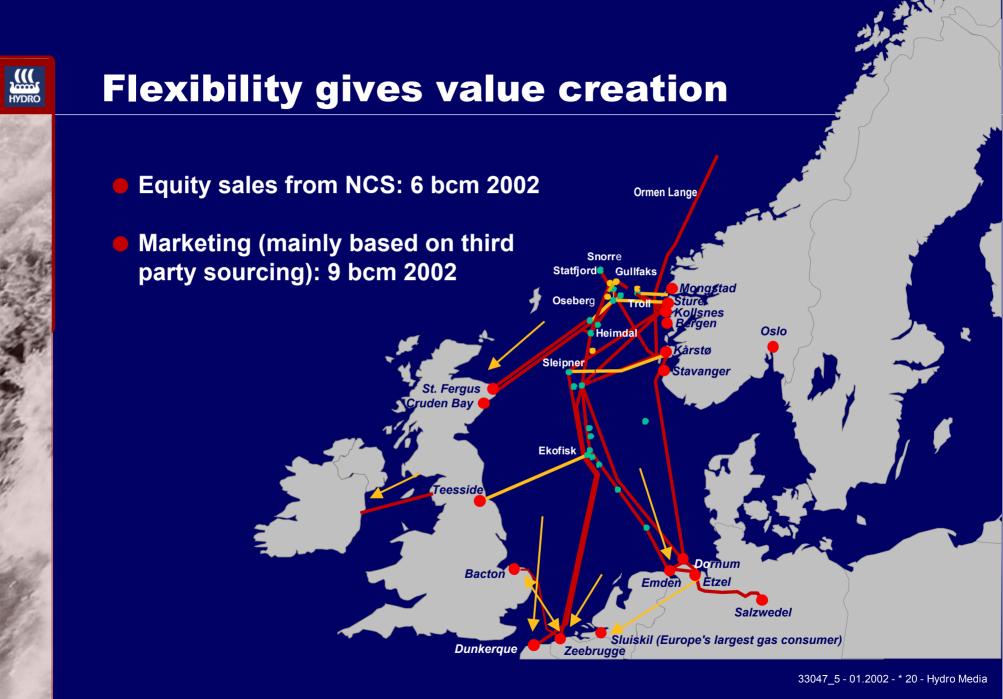
# Still large undiscovered gas resources on the Norwegian Shelf

17th round application deadline in MarchFocus on gas offshore mid-Norway

Halten, Møre and Vøring Total of 2200 bill Sm<sup>3</sup> gas



Undiscovered In production/evalu. Discovered





## Norsk Hydro has the ability to commercialise gas in a liberalising market



Targeted Dutch end user sales in 2002:

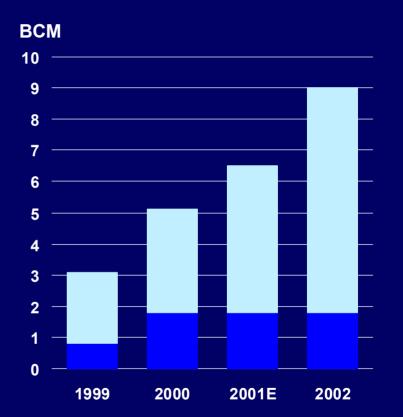
- 300 end-users
- 4.7 bill. sm<sup>3</sup> (incl. portfolio management)
- Approx. 20% of Dutch industrial market

Hydro Sluiskil - Europe's largest consumer of natural gas



#### **Commercial innovation**

- Norsk Hydro natural gas sales mainly based on third party sourcing
- Low capital requirement
  - Trading
  - Good margins: EBITDA of 100 MNOK 1- 3Q 2001
- Customers
  - Industrial customers
  - Internal consumption
- Operations based in Brussels

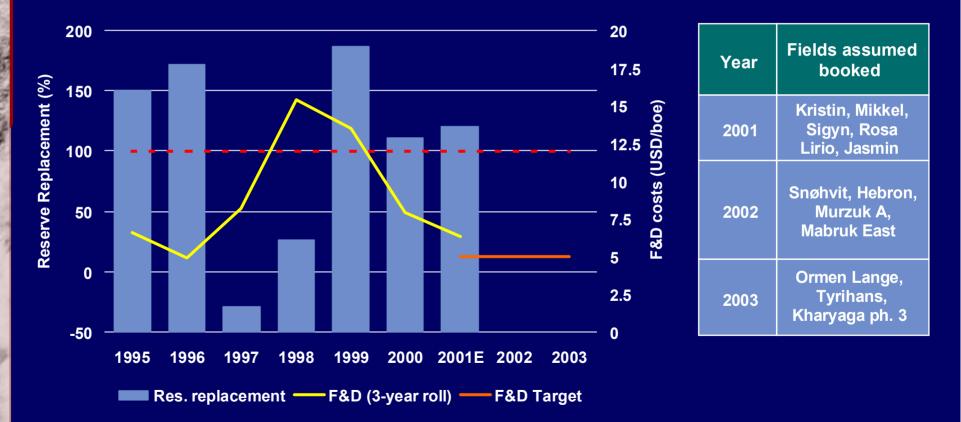


Internal consumpion External sales



#### F&D costs tracking down towards target

#### F&D costs excl. sale & purchase





#### Key messages

- Production growth 2001 2005 expected to average 5 6%
- Key exploration prospects to be tested in 2002
- Using commercial innovation to add value to Norsk Hydro's upstream gas position
- F&D costs on track towards USD 5/bbl



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# Capital Markets Day Hydro Aluminium

Executive Vice President Jon-Harald Nilsen Norsk Hydro ASA Oslo, January 8, 2002





### What we said and what we have done

Objectives in Dec. 00	Actions taken in 2001
Participate in industry restructuring	<ul> <li>VAW -acquisition</li> <li>Technal Building Systems</li> <li>Magnesium restructuring</li> </ul>

- Continue to leverage our strengths
- Continue top and bottom line growth

- Sunndal-expansion
- Expansion Søral, Slovalco, Alunorte
- Remelters in Spain & Texas
- Cost-reduction programmes initiated

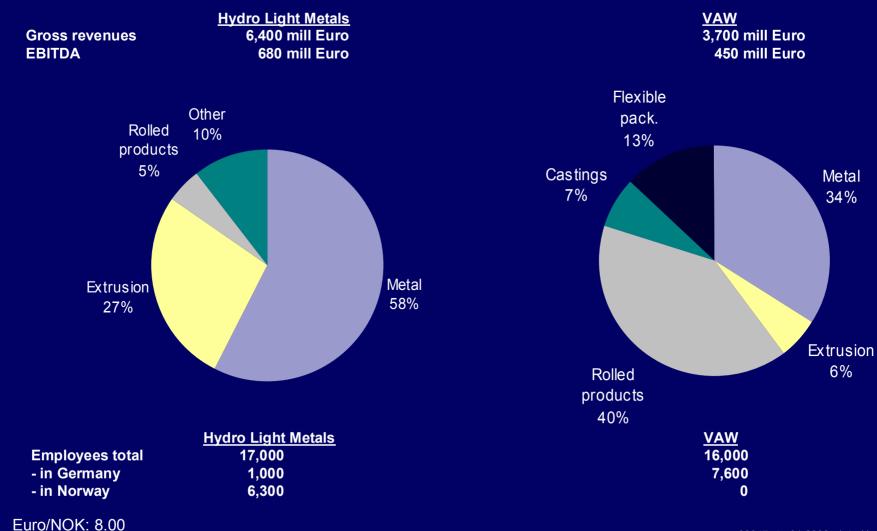


#### Hydro's stated ambition in Aluminium

A profitable position among the world's top three integrated aluminium companies

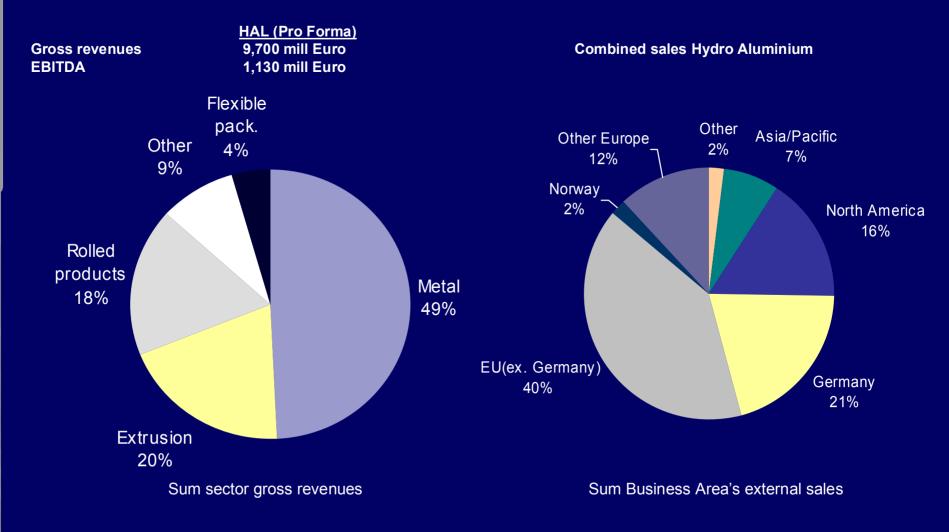


## Hydro Light Metals and VAW (2000 - figures)





### The new entity: Hydro Aluminium Pro Forma 2000 combined



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#### Hydro — VAW: An attractive combination

**Attractive financials** 

**Innovative global force** 

More value for customers

Significant synergies and value creation

**Rapid integration** 

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## **Transaction highlights**

- ✓ Norsk Hydro acquires all shares in VAW AG from E.ON
- ✓ Total consideration is 2 645 mill Euro (21.2 bn NOK)<sup>1)</sup> including net interest bearing debt of 757 mill Euro (6.1 bn NOK)
- In addition Norsk Hydro takes over 450 mill. Euro (3.6 bn NOK) unfunded pension obligations
- Expected closing by 1st Quarter 2002
- Acquisition financed through cash and absorption of debt
- Approved by Boards of Norsk Hydro and E.ON. Subject to regulatory approvals and approval by Norsk Hydro Corporate Assembly

1) All figures are estimates as per 1.1.2002 except where noted. Assumed exchange rate of 8.00 NOK/Euro



## **Financial impact for Hydro Aluminium**

Pro Forma first nine months 2001:

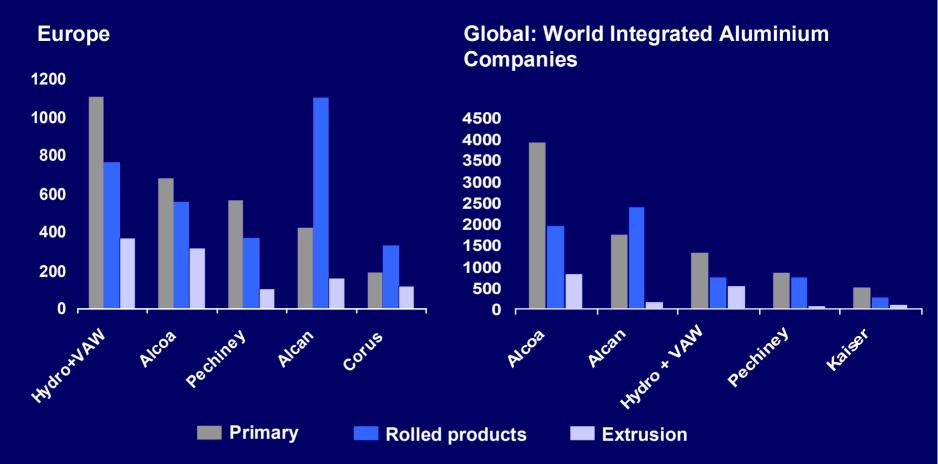
► EBITDA: + 100%

 Synergies plus Hydro Aluminium overhead cost improvement project will reduce annual cost by 200 mill Euro (1.6 bn NOK) in 2004

#### Creating a "top-tier" company

#### Total production, thousand tonnes, 2000

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Note: VAW's Kurri Kurri-smelter in Australia and HAL's Wells extrusion system in the US included full-year Alcoa includes Reynolds, Alcan includes Alusuisse

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#### The leading company in Europe

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#### Europe PRIMARY METAL EXTRUSION R AUTOMOTIVE **METAL PRODUCTS** ▲ ROLLED PRODUCTS

#### **Significant value creation** opportunities in North America

#### North America

- PRIMARY METAL
- EXTRUSION / METAL PRODUCTS ♦ AUTOMOTIVE

#### South America

- PRIMARY METAL
- **EXTRUSION**
- AUTOMOTIVE
- METAL PRODUCTS

- High quality smelter capacity (Alouette)
- High quality extrusion assets
- **#3 in Extrusion**



- Leverage Latin-American metal supply sources
- Transfer European extrusion business system

#### Stronger position in Asia/Pacific's growing markets



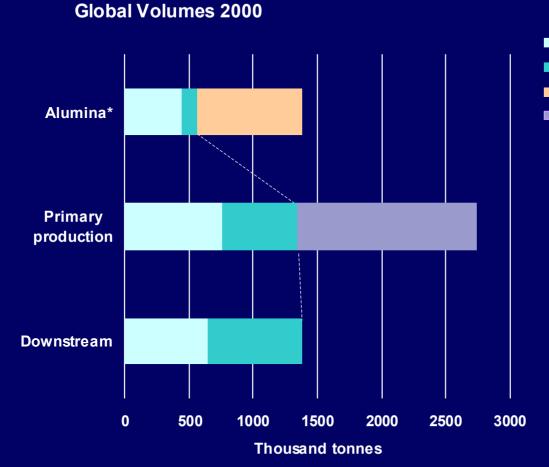


- Foothold in rolling (Malaysia)
- Foothold in extrusion (China)

Low-cost brownfield potential

- Opportunities for metal swaps
- Roll-out of asset-light metal supply concept

# A full range aluminium company



Hydro
VAW
LT Contracts
Hydro remelt and 3rd party\*\*

\* Aluminium equivalent. VAW metallurgical alumina only

\*\* Remelt + Hydro non-equity primary: Contracts to sell metal from Slovalco, Talum, Pianmeca, Aluvale. Goldendale tolling agreement. Trading. 33047 4 - 01.2002 - \* 13 - Hydro Media



#### Leadership in global market segments

Litho

**Building systems** 



#### Magnesium alloys

**Structures** 

#### Heat Transfer Engine castings





# Leverage innovative industrial and commercial concepts

- Metal supply concept - recycling

- Casthouse network increases
  - Streamlining production
  - Possible to expand capacity in VAW's casthouses
  - Logistics improvements
- Access to broader and bigger scrap base
   Increased use of scrap in new products
   Optimise scrap use between plants/products

Improved margins









Others	
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## **Broader products offering — Automotive**

Approx. sales from Hydro + VAW



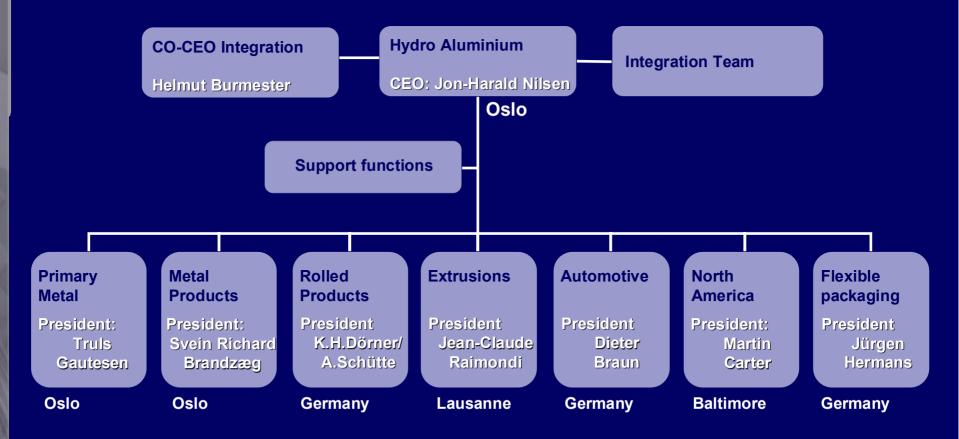
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## **Organisational structure and first level management identified**

#### (effective from after closing)





## **Overall integration philosophy and approach**

Transform and develop Hydro Aluminium into an integrated and global entity built on best practice and strength from both companies

Business concepts	Governance	Organization	People
Leverage best from both	<ul> <li>Align with Hydro corporate and Business Area model</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use the Hydro re-organization project as starting point</li> <li>Leverage best from both</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Equal opportunities</li> <li>Leverage the competencies in both organizations</li> </ul>



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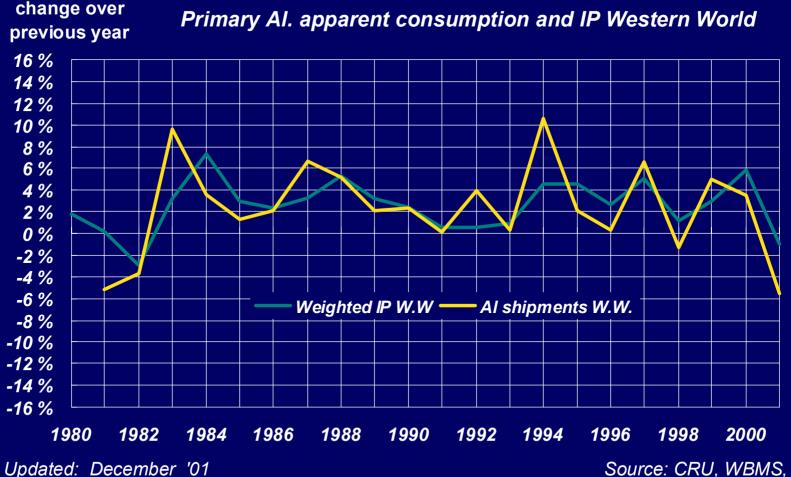
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# Present situation & Going Forward



### The economic downturn in 2001 has lead to substantial drop in shipments

#### Fall in aluminium shipment largest drop in 20 years



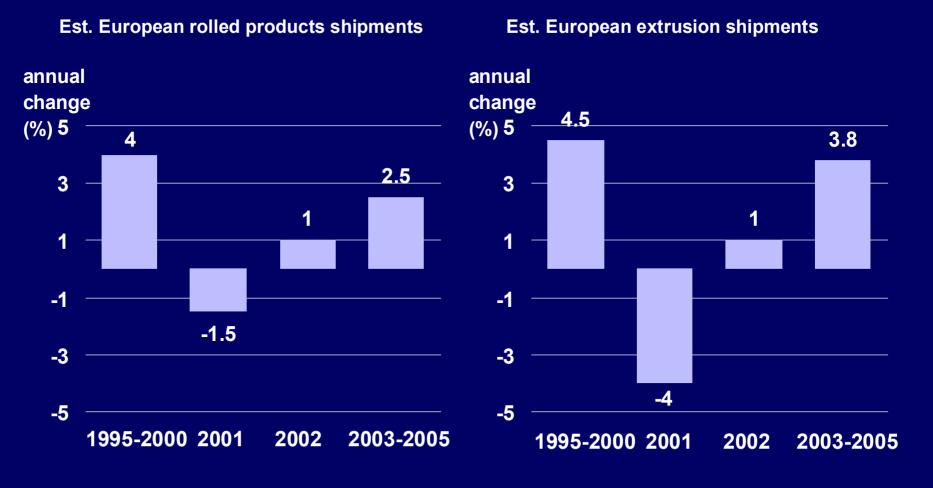
Source: CRU, WBMS, HAMP

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# **Recovery in downstream shipments in Europe is expected**



Source: EAA, CRU

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#### Longer term outlook positive

#### Light weight of cars (CO<sub>2</sub>)



Construction material



Packaging



#### Recyclability up to 90% Only 5% energy use in recycling



2.5-3% growth going forward

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#### The industry attractiveness has improved

- Healthy growth in demand
- Industry consolidation will continue
- High entry barriers
- Better up- and mid-stream supply and demand balance expected

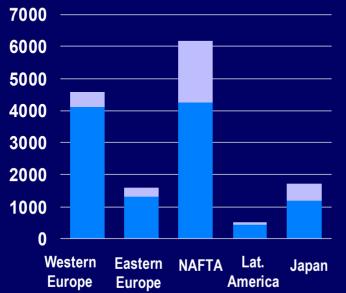


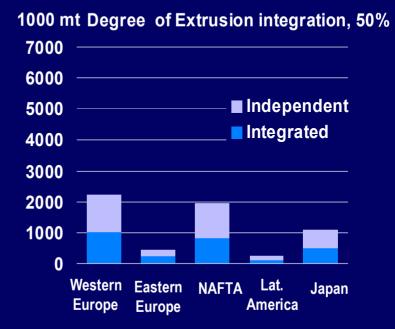
### The industry structure

#### Total consumption of aluminium, Western World



1000 mt Degree of Rolling integration, 80%





### **Clearly weaker financial performance for Light Metals in 2001**

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**CROGI proxy % = EBITDA less tax\*/Gross investment** 10 % 9% 8 % 7 % 6 % 5 % Light metals — Pechiney — Alcoa — Alcan 4 % 3.Q annualiz. 1997 1998 1999 2000

Assumed standard tax rate of 30 percent for all companies

Source: Hydro

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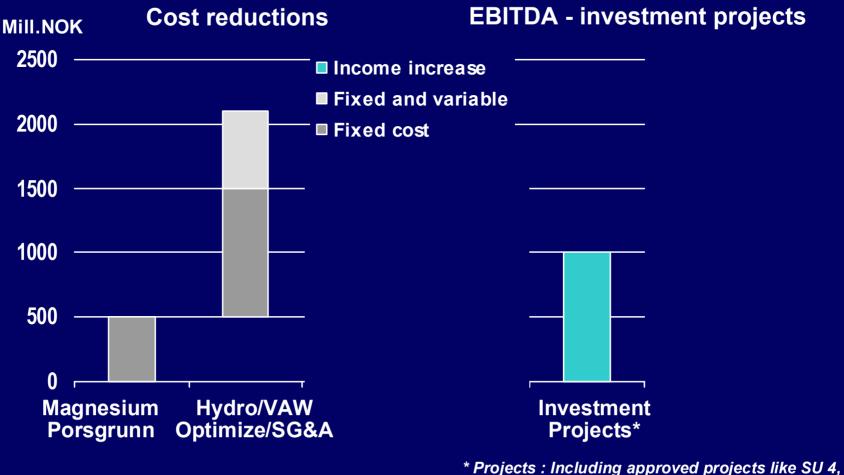
#### **Actions taken to improve performance**

Decision to close Porsgrunn magnesium production

- Significant cost reduction programmes in SG&A
- Initiatives taken to compensate for lower volumes and margins
  - Demanning of 350 employees in Extrusion. Capacity reduction of 10%
  - Capacity reduction of 90.000 t remelt in Metal Products
- Further improvement programmes within Primary Metal and Metal Products initiated



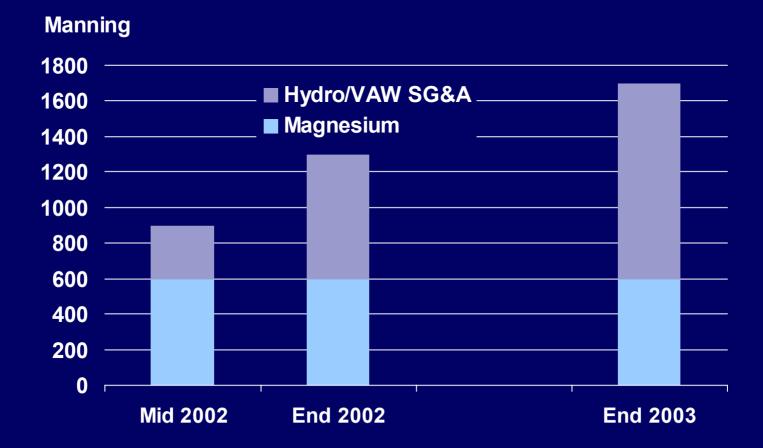
# Substantial financial effects of main programmes 2002-2003 (full effect 2004)



Alunorte, Slovalco, Søral, Remelters & Aluchemie



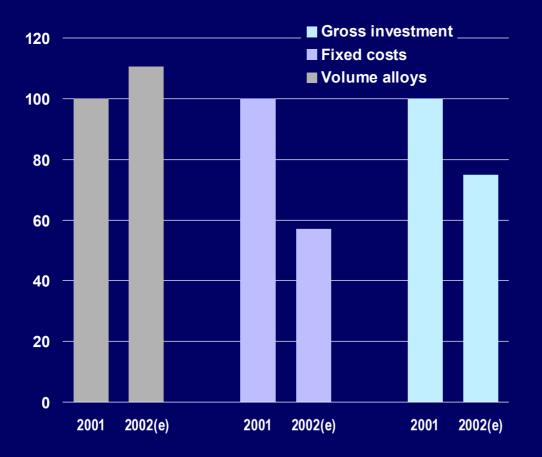
## **Substantial reduction in manning**



Expected effect approx. 1.2 - 1.4 bn NOK Net financial effect in 2002 will be negative due to upfront restructuring costs



#### **Magnesium restructuring**



#### Focusing on higher margin alloys

- Long term contractsautomotive
- Asset-light metal supply concept



Forceful integration of VAW and Technal

- Realise significant short term improvement potentials
- Successful restructuring of magnesium
- Execution of large projects

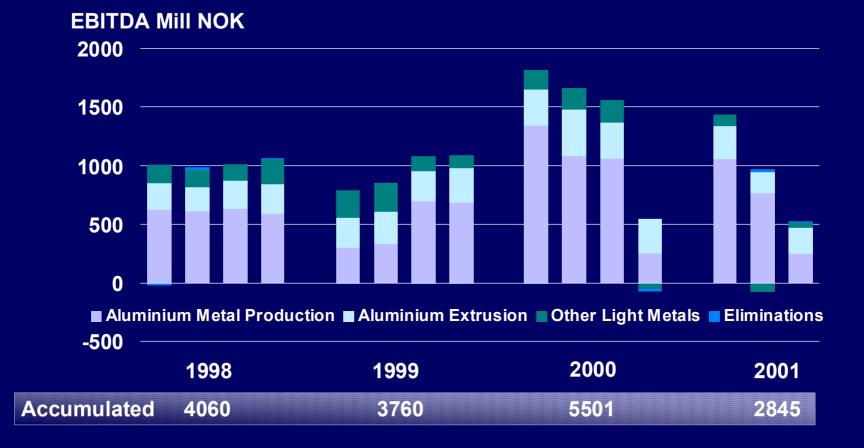


## Backup





## Hydro Light Metal — quarter by quarter





# Effect of slowdown in the US has been extreme

#### **Extrusion shipments**





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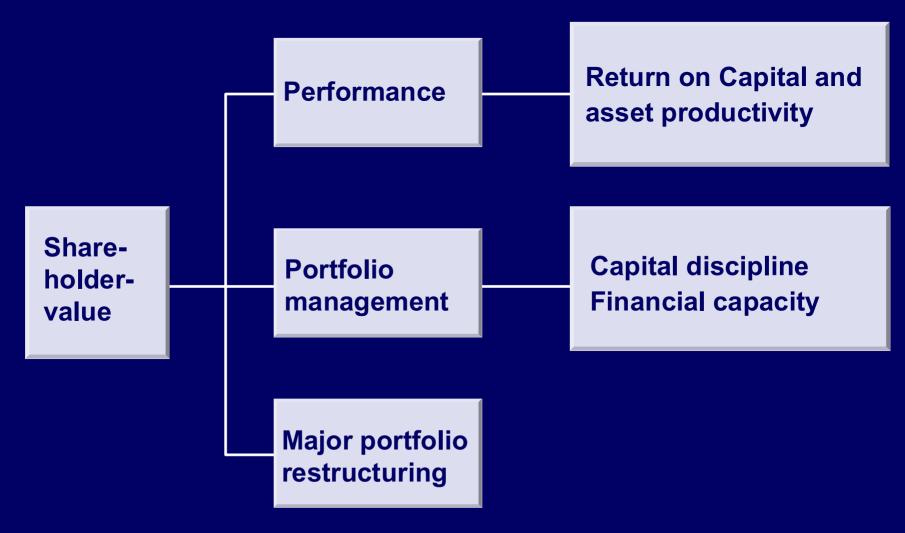
## Performance and Financial Strength



Executive Vice President and CFO Leiv L. Nergaard Norsk Hydro ASA Oslo, January 8, 2002



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## **VAW Financial impact on Norsk Hydro**

Pro forma first 9 months 2001

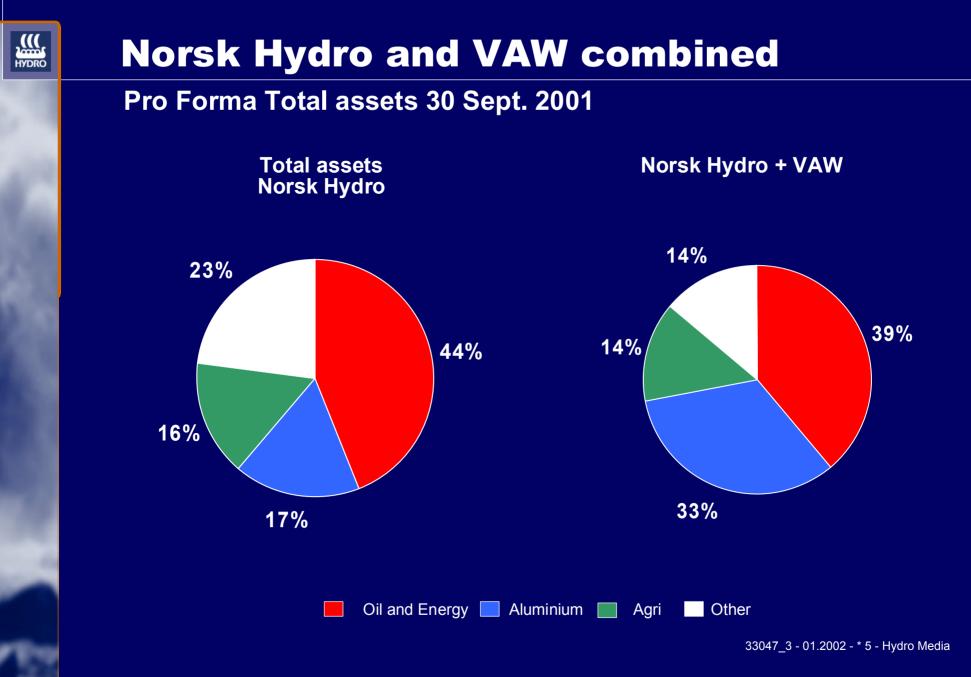
 EBITDA:
 + 7%

 EPS:
 + 1.30 NOK/share

Estimated\* debt/equity: 0.7

Hydro maintains emphasis on keeping A/A2 rating

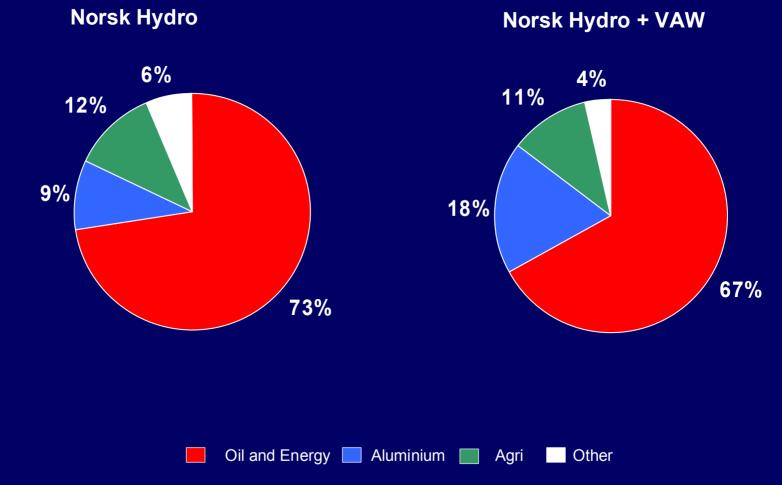
\* Estimated after transaction





## Norsk Hydro and VAW combined

#### Pro Forma EBITDA first 9 months 2001

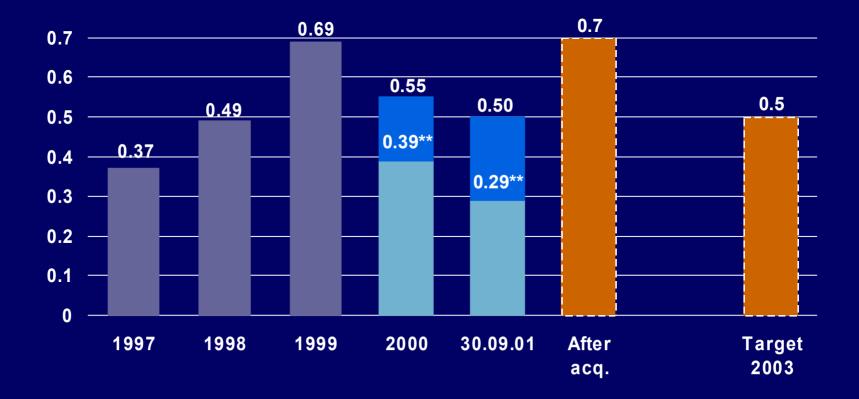


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## **Speedy return to strong financial position**

Long-term debt/equity\* illustrating expected effect of VAW acquisition



\* Long-term debt divided by shareholders' equity plus minority interest

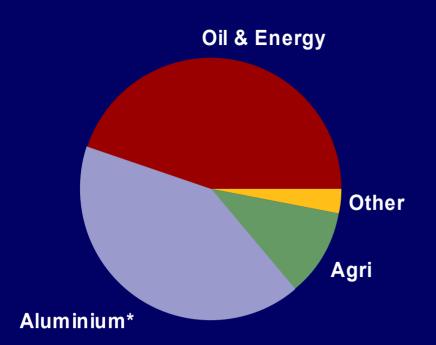
\*\* Adjusted ratio if current cash position had been reduced to NOK 10 for 2000 and 15 billion for 30.09.01

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## **Planned capital allocation 2002**

#### **Capital expenditures by business area**



Oil and Energy*	8.5 bn. NO
Aluminium	8.0 bn. NO
Agri	2.0 bn. NO
Others	0.5 bn. NO
Total	19.0 bn. NO

\*Excl. exploration budget of 2.4 bn. NOK

\* 2002 VAW investments included. (VAW acquisition cost and potential SDFI acquisition not included ) 33047\_3 - 01.2002 - \* 8 - Hydro Media

## **Active divestment program**

- New divestment target of NOK 10 billion by end 2003
  - Larger non-core candidates for divestment include:
    - Petrochemicals

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- KFK shareholding
- VAW Flexible Packaging

#### Continued divestments within core areas

- Recent examples:
  - Pelican, non-core NCS licenses, Oleochemicals business
- Fix, sell or close underperforming units



## **CROGI** — our key measure of return

CROGI - Cash Return on Gross Investments:

EBITDA less tax Gross invested capital

CROGI at "normalised" prices — good indicator for:
 <u>Average over the cycle performance</u>

Effects of internal improvement efforts

 CROGI at actual prices — good profitability indicator for investors
 Should reach 10% as an average over the cycle

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## **CROGI** — development



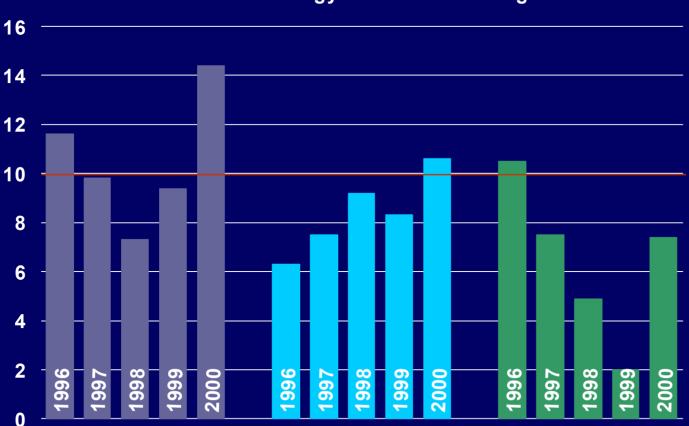
- Normalized prices: NOK/USD: 8.00
  - Brent Blend (USD/bbl) 18
  - CAN27 (USD/t) 113
  - LME 3M (USD/t) 1,500

Average over the cycle target 10%

## **CROGI** performance

#### **Actual prices**

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Oil and Energy Aluminium Agri

## Medium term CROGI outlook (normalised)

- Agri well positioned to show levels above 10% in coming years
- Aluminium programs initiated to bring normalised CROGI to 10% by 2004
- Oil and Energy currently around 9%.
   Build-up of international production takes time
- Asset productivity improvements
  - Implement divestment program
  - Reduce operating capital



## Norsk Hydro including VAW indicative sensitivity by unit changes

	EBITDA Mill NOK	Net income Mill NOK	CROGI % points
Oil price + 1 USD/boe	990	215	0.07
LME + 100 USD/t	820	575	0.20
CAN + 10 USD/t	600	420	0.15
Currency + 0.1 NOK/USD	430	105*	0.07

#### Underlying assumptions : Oil 18 USD/bbl, LME 1,500 USD/t, CAN 27 113 USD/t, NOK/USD 8.00 Full taxpaying position offshore

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## Hydro — new reporting format from 2002

NEW	<u>OLD</u>
<ul> <li>Exploration and Production</li> <li>Energy &amp; Oil Marketing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Exploration and Production</li> <li>Oil Marketing</li> <li>Energy</li> </ul>
Hydro Oil and Energy	Hydro Oil and Energy
<ul> <li>Metals 1)</li> <li>Rolled products</li> <li>Extrusion &amp; Automotive 2)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Aluminium Metal Products</li> <li>Extrusion</li> <li>Other Light Metals</li> </ul>
<u>Hydro Aluminium</u>	Hydro Light Metals
	<ul> <li>Plant Nutrition</li> <li>Gases and Chemicals</li> <li>KFK</li> </ul>
<u>Hydro Agri</u>	<u>Hydro Agri</u>
Other 3)	Petrochemicals Other
Sum Hydro	<u>Sum Hydro</u>

- 1) Primary Metals + Metal Products incl. Magnesium
- 2) Extrusion + Automotive + the North American Unit
- 3) Petrochemicals + KFK + VAW Flexible packaging + Others

## Main financial targets **Cash Return on Gross Investment** (CROGI\*), nominal after tax 10% 10% **Return on new investments, real rate after tax Dividend:** Share of net income, average over the cycle 30% Solidity: Long term interest-bearing debt/equity 0.5

\* Based on "normalised" price set to reflect average over the cycle performance

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# Additional sensitivity information





# Norsk Hydro including VAW — indicative sensitivity by % changes

	EBITDA Mill NOK	Net income Mill NOK	CROGI % points
Oil price + 5% USD/boe	890	195	0.07
LME + 5% USD/t	615	430	0.15
CAN + 5% USD/t	340	235	0.08
Currency + 5% NOK/USD	1,720	415*	0.29

#### Underlying assumptions : Oil 18 USD/bbl, LME 1,500 USD/t, CAN 27 113 USD/t, NOK/USD 8.00 Full taxpaying position offshore

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## **Financial results Norsk Hydro**

	1999	2000	Acc Q3 '01
EBITDA (Mill NOK)	21,944	46,609	30,460
Cash flow per share	58.3	107.0	62.0
Earnings per share	13.90	53.40	26.10

Comments on effects of new offshore tax regime



## **Oil & Energy — indicative sensitivities**

	EBITDA Mill NOK	CROGI % points
Oil price + 1 USD/boe	1,100	0.22
Currency + 0.1 NOK/USD	215	0.04

Underlying assumptions: Oil 18 USD/bbl, NOK/USD 8.00 Full tax paying position offshore



## **Aluminium — indicative sensitivities**

	EBITDA Mill NOK	CROGI % points
LME + 100 USD/t	400	0.64
Currency + 0.1 NOK/USD	105	0.17

Underlying assumptions:LME 1,500 USD/t , NOK/USD 8.00Simplified tax rate:30%



## **Agri** — indicative sensitivities

	EBITDA Mill NOK	CROGI % points
CAN + 10 USD/t	600	0.89
Oil price + 1 USD/boe	-110	-0.16
Currency + 0.1 NOK/USD	60	0.09

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



# Aluminium — indicative sensitivities by unit changes incl. VAW

	EBITDA Mill NOK	CROGI % points
LME + 100 USD/t	820	0.76
Currency + 0.1 NOK/USD	155	0.14

Underlying assumptions: LME 1,500 USD/t , NOK/USD 8.00 Simplified tax rate: 30%



## Norsk Hydro — (excl. VAW) indicative sensitivity by unit changes

			Indicative
	EBITDA Mill NOK	Net income Mill NOK	CROGI % points
Oil price + 1 USD/boe	990	215	0.08
LME + 100 USD/t	400	280	0.11
CAN + 10 USD/t	600	420	0.17
Currency + 0.1 NOK/USD	375	65*	0.07

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President & CEO, Eivind Reiten Norsk Hydro ASA Oslo, January 8, 2002



## **Delivering on our strategy**

- Strong financial capacity established
- VAW acquisition a transforming step for Aluminium
- Attractive international positions established for Oil and Energy
- Agri turnaround successfully completed
- Challenging to meet 2002 return target



# Creating a world class aluminium company

The VAW acquisition

- Establishing Europe's no. 1 aluminium company
- An excellent strategic fit new company well positioned
- Accretive to EPS already in 2002
- Successful integration the main short term priority

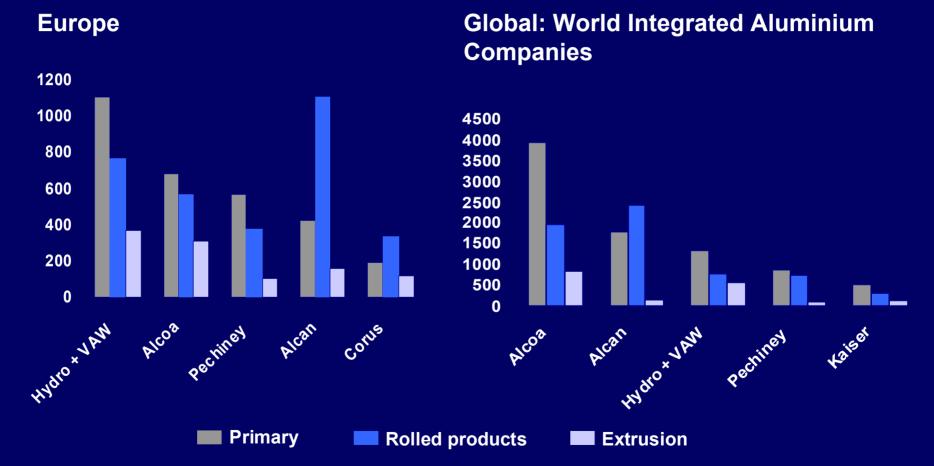
Ambitious programme to realise synergies and improve Hydro's existing aluminium business

- Improvement target NOK 1.6 billion by end 2003
- Manning to be reduced by 1100 persons

## Creating a "top-tier" aluminium company

#### Total production, thousand tonnes, 2000

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# Agri — potential for significant value creation

- Successful turnaround exceeds original targets:
  - Greatly improved market balance in Europe
  - Annual fixed costs cut by 30% (NOK 2.3 billion) from 1998level\*
  - Manning reduced by 30% (3,600 persons\*) from 1998-level
  - Platform for sustainable competitive earnings
- Strengthened positions outside of Europe
- Strong performance by Gas and Chemicals

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## Oil and Energy positive growth outlook

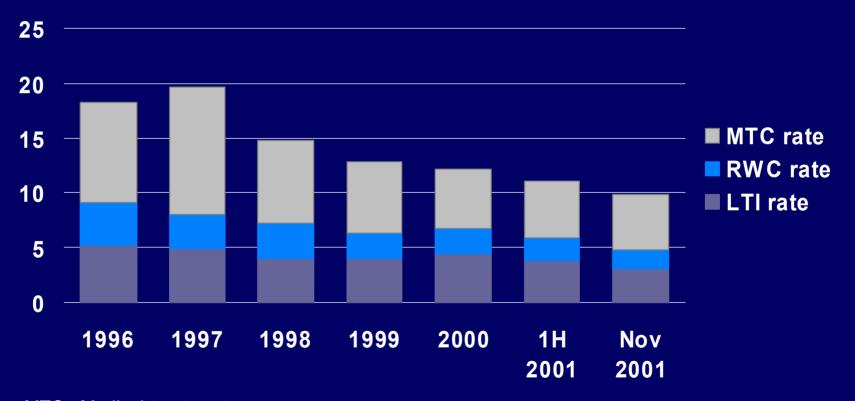
- 2001 production target of 415,000 boe/d. reached, average annual production growth to 2005 of 5 - 6%
- Growing natural gas sales and adding value through commercial activities
- Exciting exploration acreage secured
- Finding and development costs on track to reach \$5 target by 2003

## **Safety performance**

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#### Total Recordable Injury Rate, Employees 12 month rolling average

Total recordable injuries/million hours worked



MTC: Medical treatment cases RWC: Restricted work cases LTI: Lost time injuries

## Share price performance — a major challenge

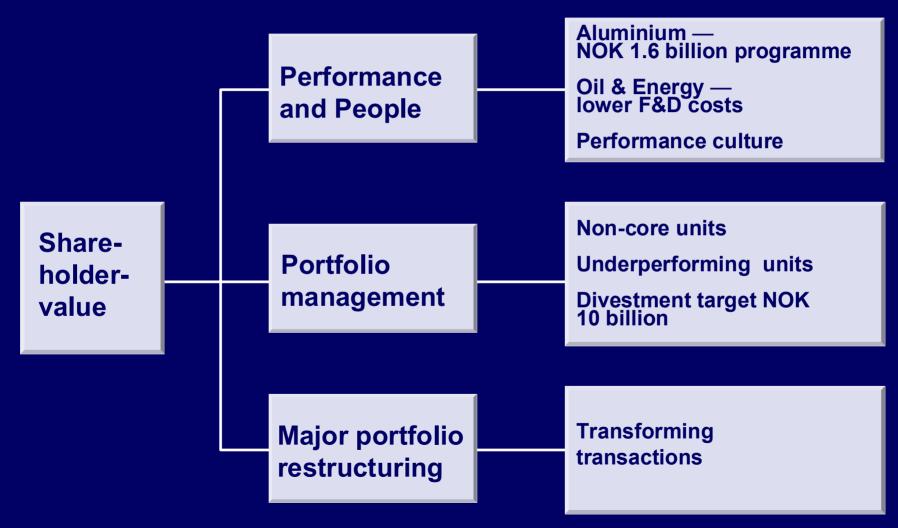
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## **Creating shareholder value**



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## CROGI our main metric for return on capital

**CROGI** — Cash Return on Gross Investments

- Average over the cycle 10%
- Level achieved in two of the last five years; improved performance required
- 2001 CROGI affected by:
  - Weak aluminium market
  - **Restructuring charges**



## **Challenging to reach 2002 CROGI target**

- Current plans imply an expected normalised CROGI level of between 8 and 9% in 2002
- Challenge being met by continued drive for better performance
  - Implementing an agressive restructuring and improvement programme in Aluminium
  - Developing an attractive exploration portfolio in Oil and Energy
  - New measures to bring further improvements in Agri
  - Active portfolio management and divestment of non-core assets
  - More efficient shared services

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## **Strengthen performance culture**

- Speedy actions to correct deviations from plans
- New top management incentive systems established
- Performance drive in total compensation systems

Improved management development programmes

### **Increased strategic flexibility**

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- A strong platform providing attractive opportunities
  - Oil and Energy with exciting exploration potential
  - VAW acquisition a transforming transaction for Aluminium
  - Agri established as a global industry leader
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