



Q3 2011 Results

BP 2011-2015

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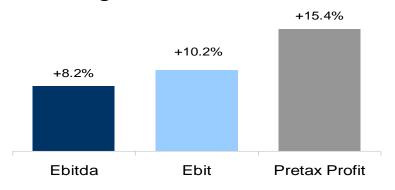


2011 results at a glance

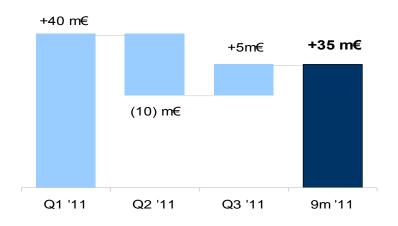
## First 9 month 2011 results confirm solid platform



9m '11 growth rates



## 2011 quarters growth



Strong set of achievements in first 9 months despite summer period within Q3.

**Growth** underpinned by all businesses, and particularly by Energy activities with commercial development and procurement position more than offsetting volatility and first half lower consumptions.

**M&A progressed** through acquisition of Sadori Gas.

Positive results in all businesses driving **Ebitda up by +35.3m€** confirming business plan targets.

**Debt** at 2.06 b€ confirming D/Ebitda ratio. Confirmed credit ratings by S&Ps and Moodys.

## First 9 month 2011 results highlights positive growth



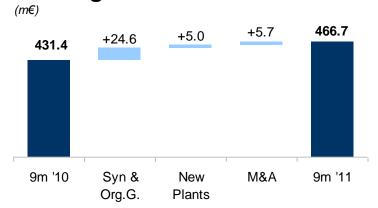
## 9m 2011 posted a growth

	(m€)	9m '10	9m '11	Ch.	Ch.%
(1)	Revenues*	2,732.9	3,039.7	+306.8	+11.2%
	Ebitda	431.4	466.7	+35.3	+8.2%
(2)	Ebit	218.2	240.5	+22.3	+10.2%
(3)	Pre tax Profit	135.4	156.2	+20.8	+15.4%
(4)	Tax	(56.3)	(72.2)	(15.9)	+28.2%
	Net Profit	79.1	84.0	+4.9	+6.3%
	Minorities	(10.7)	(16.4)	(5.6)	+52.5%
	Hera Profit	68.4	67.7	(0.7)	(1.0%)

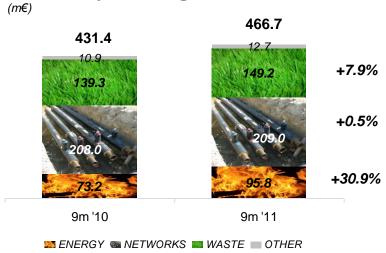


- Higher accruals to Bad Debt and provisions
- Substantially stable interest charges
- Higher incidence of IRAP and additional Robin Tax (~2m€ effect).

### **Ebitda growth Drivers**



## Ebitda by strategic area



<sup>\*</sup> Revenues include sales, change in stock and other revenues

#### First 9 month 2011: WASTE & WATER results

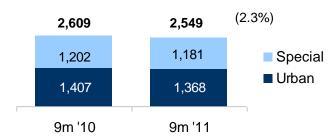


#### Waste increase margins despite lower volumes

#### 9 months results (m€)

M €	9m '10	9m '11	Ch. %
Revenues	531.7	550.2	+3.5%
Operat. Costs	(298.0)	(299.6)	+0.6%
Personnel	(113.1)	(112.5)	(0.6%)
Capitaliz.	18.7	11.1	(40.3%)
Ebitda	139.3	149.2	+7.1%

## **9 months waste from third parties** (k ton)



Revenues growth underpinned by tariff increase (+3%) and higher electricity production (from 400 to 490 GWh).

Ebitda benefit from Enomondo biomass plant contribution (+5m€) and from enhanced WTE electricity production (mainly related to Rimini WTE). Posted lower treatment cost thanks also to better weather conditions.

Sorted collection reached 49.2% of urban waste.

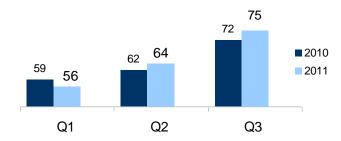
#### Water shows enhanced volumes and tariffs

#### 9 months results (m€)

M €	9m '10	9m '11	Ch. %
Revenues	433.2	439.2	+1.4%
Operat. Costs	(253.7)	(253.8)	+0.0%
Personnel	(79.0)	(79.3)	+0.4%
Capitaliz.	9.8	5.5	(43.8%)
Ebitda	110.2	111.6	+1.3%

#### Fresh water volumes

(m cubic meter)



Revenues growth underpinned by tariff increase (+2.8%) and higher volumes related to the dry summer season.

Still stagnant the works for third parties.

Ebitda benefit from operating efficiencies rebalancing higher electricity costs.

Ebitda incidence on revenues confirmed at 25.4%.

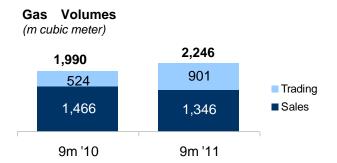
#### First 9 month 2011: GAS & ELECTRICITY results



#### Gas growth despite lower volume sold

#### 9 months results (m€)

M€	9m '10	9m '11	Ch. %
Revenues	840.3	977.2	+16.3%
Operat. Costs	(684.3)	(798.8)	+16.7%
Personnel	(46.1)	(50.1)	+8.7%
Capitaliz.	20.8	9.4	(55.0%)
Ebitda	130.7	137.7	+5.4%



**Revenues** growth mainly driven by higher commodity prices, higher distribution revenues, expanded customer base (+3.5% in 9m) and increased trading activities. These positive contributions offset **lower volumes** (gas and district heating) related to mild winter season.

**Ebitda** increase mainly driven by enhanced margins in supply activities and optimisation in logistic/ procurement costs.

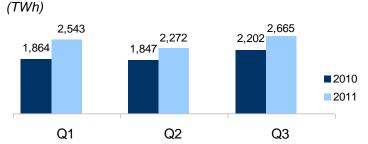
**Trading activities** yield positive growth in volumes at lower margins vs extraordinary 9 months 2010 performance.

#### **Electricity factoring in market expansion**

#### 9 months results (m€)

M €	9m '10	9m '11	Ch. %
Revenues	999.2	1,136.3	+13.7%
Operat. Costs	(952.1)	(1,069.3)	+12.3%
Personnel	(17.1)	(20.4)	+19.6%
Capitaliz.	10.3	8.9	(14.1%)
Ebitda	40.4	55.5	+37.6%

#### Electricity sold



**Revenues** growth mainly driven by higher **volumes** (+31% 9m/9m) related to increased "salvaguardia" services and market expansion (+22.7% customers in 9m).

Optimisation of asset management.

Ebitda margin up by 90 bps.

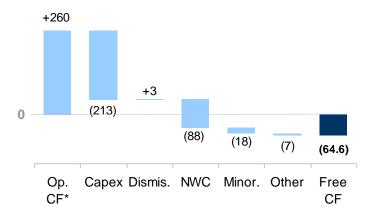
## Financial issues: Capex and cash flows



### Capital Exp. & Investments

M€	9m '10	9m '11
Waste	70.0	44.8
Water	67.3	69.4
Gas	33.3	34.3
Electricity	31.4	20.2
Other	10.1	10.4
Holding	32.5	34.0
Investments	2.5	0.0
Capex	247.1	213.1

#### 9m 2011 free cash flows<sup>^</sup>



**Capex** declined following completion on waste treatment assets (WTE).

**Net Working Capital** increased by 88 m€ mainly due to higher gas in storage and expanded commercial activity (+300m€ revenues).

**Debt** come in at 2.06b€ confirming D/Ebitda ratio of Q3 '10.

Moody's and S&P's confirmed Hera rating

## Closing remarks on Q3 interim results



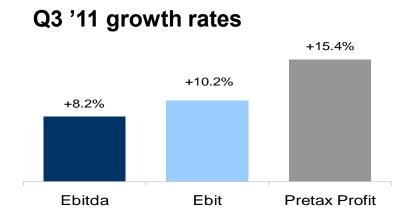
Strong set of achievements in first 9 months despite summer period within Q3.

**Growth** underpinned by all businesses even in slow increasing economic environment and negative impact of climate conditions.

**M&A is progressing** well; with Aimag negotiations ongoing.

Hera obtained the preliminary assignment for the new WTE in Florence. Authorisation process will soon start (to obtain "VIA").

**Financial structure is sound** as confirmed by rating agencies.



## Solid platform to reach year end & Business plan targets



## Business plan 2011-2015





### **Business issues**

Energy upstream over-capacity

Competition in Energy downstream

Waste infrastructure shortage

Gas distribution tenders

Water referendum

## Hera platform

Flexible Energy upstream position

Platform for cross selling and expansion

Unique & integrated asset base / expertise

Strong market share in all catchment area

ATO tariff agreement up to end 2012

#### Financial issues

EPS downward revision

Financial rebalancing

Portfolio rationalisation

Multiutility model with low risk exposure

Financial soundness/flexibility

Presence limited to core areas



## HERA STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1 Downstream expansion

From 1.8 to 2.0 m customers 2.5 contracts per customer

Organic growth

Confirm gas distrib. in territory Extract further efficiency gains

**External growth opportunities** 

Aimag consolidation
Gas distribution tenders

Selective asset development

Focus on "sustainable" developm.

New opportunities in WTE (FI)

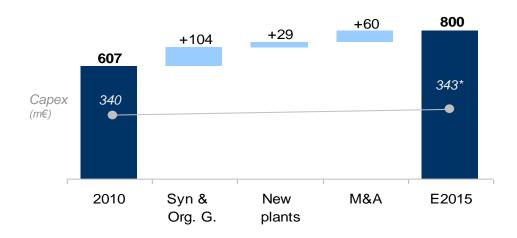
Enhance Returns and credit standing

EBITDA +5.6% Cagr "A grade" ratios

## Consistent growth leveraging upon "all" drivers



## **Next 5Y Ebitda Target**



#### Synergies & Organic growth

Market expansion in energy and waste areas (+40m€).

Tariff adjustments in Networks (+20m€).

Cost to serve and cost per POD reduction (15m€).

#### **New Plants**

Biomass (Enomondo) project, desorption and sorting plants, and Bio digesters (+12m€).

Other plants to complete the value chain (+15m€).

#### M&A

Development strategy continue to focus on core business areas and on strengthening Hera presence in reference and surrounding territories starting from Aimag consolidation.

<sup>\*</sup> Including Aimag capex

## M&A strategy focused on "traditional core dimensions"



## Ebitda growth from M&A (m€)

#### **GAS TENDERS**

Tender calendar under way

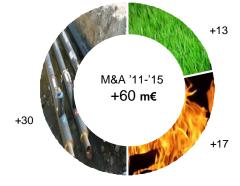
Hera aims at winning bids for current concessions which imply coverage completion of catchment areas (~110m€ capex-RAB development).

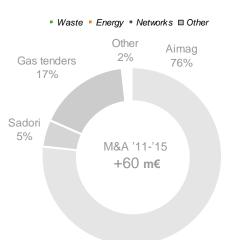
#### Hera strengths

Coverage in territory 4<sup>th</sup> national player Quality of service

### Other national players

F21	4%
Edison	3%





### SADORI: Gas supply activity

Active in northern part of Marche region (Pesaro & Ancona).

34K gas clients.

Ebitda ~3m€

### **AIMAG: Territorial expansion**

Active in northern part of MO province.

Targeting a majority stake moving from current 25% (bought for 35m€ in '09).

Negotiations in progress to pursue a share swap acquisition.

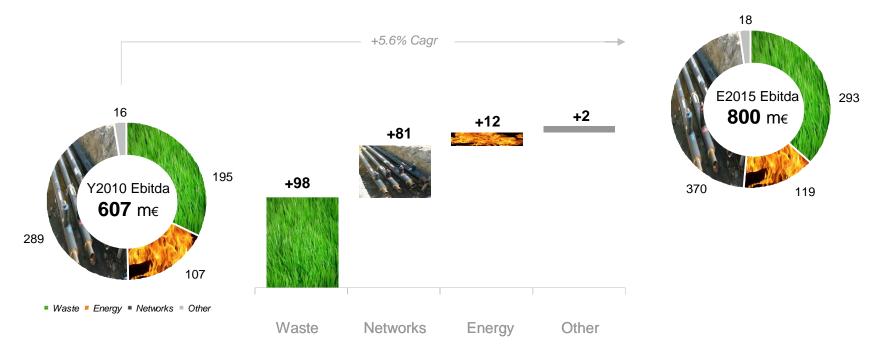
New opportunities might come from sector conditions/reforms

## Overview on Ebitda growth by strategic areas



#### **Ebitda growth**

(m€)



#### **Strategy in Waste**

- 1. Consolidate leadership
- 2. Increase energy/material recovery
- 3. Reach proper return in Urban Coll.

#### **Strategy in Networks**

- 1. Win tenders/expand gas distribution
- 2. Tariffs to guarantee proper return
- 3. Efficiency/Innovation to enhanced return

#### **Strategy in Energy**

- 1. Expansion and cross selling
- 2. Diversify procur. mix and trading
- 3. Optimize cost to serve

## Targets by business areas

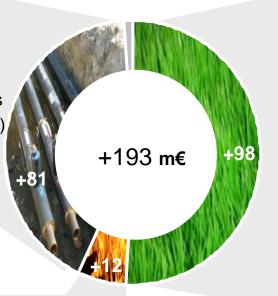


## '10-'15 Ebitda growth split by business

(m€)

#### **Networks**

- Tariffs increase (avg +2% yearly on all regulated businesses)
- -150 bp leakage in water nets
- +10k km network exp. (+14%)
- +30% #POD per employee
- +30% District Heating volumes



#### **Energy**

- +350,000 gas clients and +240,000 electricity clients
- + 0.6 bcm of Gas and +2.6 TWh of electricity sold
- 7% reduction of Cost to serve
- +43 MW renewable energy (installed capacity)

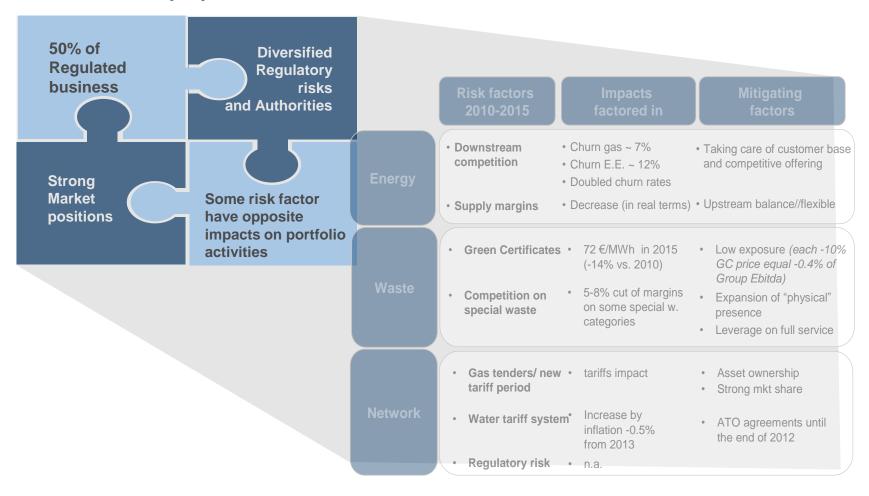
#### Waste

- 60% sorted collection (+12% vs 2010) and > 90% recycle/ recovery
- + 1,5 mln ton (+43%) waste treated (excluding Hera production)
- Reduction of waste disposed in landfills (from 25% to 18%)
- + 250 GWh energy production awarded with Green Certificates
- Additional 9 new assets

## **Business risk exposure**



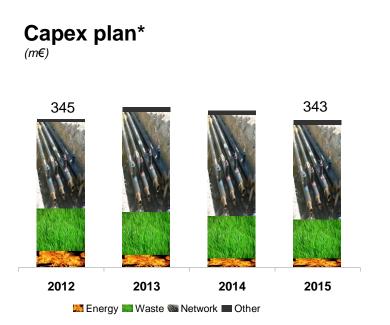
#### Risk sensitivity by business



Still retaining some Capex flexibility

## Capital discipline and enhanced financial structure







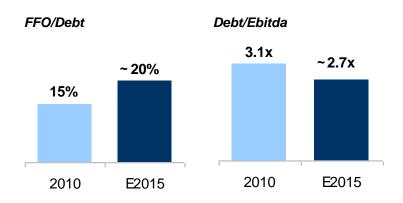
## E2015 Cash flows

+0.5 (0.34)

0.16

Operating Capex & Inv. Free Cash flows

### **Financial ratios**





## ...reliable and resilient company story

~800 m€ EBITDA (+~200 m€) with marginal risks

~340/350\* m€/year of capex, down by ~78 m€/year vs past 5Y, >60% on regulated activities

Free cash flow of all businesses in "positive" zone

Net Debt/EBITDA to 2.7 by 2015\*\*

**Confirming equity story** 

<sup>\*</sup> Including contribution from AIMAG

<sup>\*\*</sup> Accounting conversion of convertible bond



## ANNEX: Business plan 2011-2015

**WASTE** (further details by strategic area)

#### Waste business track records

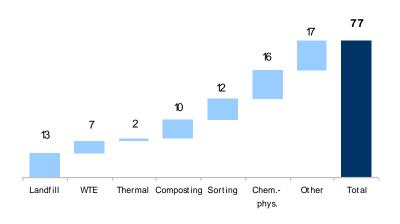


### Hera waste mgmt track record

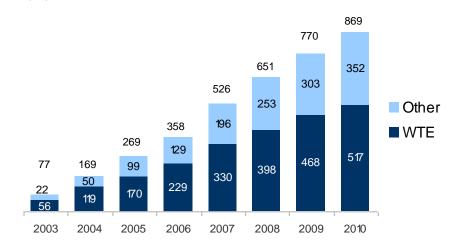
#### Financial track records (m€)

M €	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Cagr
Revenues	285	362	482	540	554	632	642	701	+14%
Ebitda	62	86	131	151	156	186	187	195	+18%

## **Enhanced Hera's fully integrated asset base** (n. of plants)



## Cumulated capex '02-'10 (m€)



#### **Changed business organization in 2010**

- Spin-off waste treatment activities/assets into a new legal entity.
- Opened up share capital (25% stake) to Eiser.
- Achieved further financial flexibility in the Holding Hera SpA.

## Hera growth strategy and waste market expansion



### Market Expansion

Focus on value added treatments

Expand geographical scope

Increase "full service" contracts

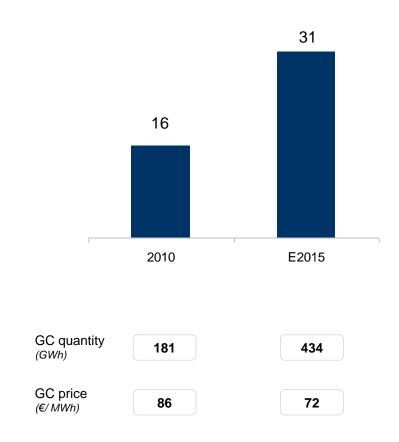
#### Hera sales volumes



Leverage upon domestic plant shortage Identified key target MKT areas Competitive commercial offers (full service)

Physiological market growth
Match volume growth/efficient treatments
(urban w. landfill treatments down to 20%)
Increase sorted collection from 45% to 54%

## Green certificates from Waste (m€)



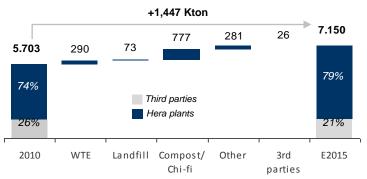




#### Fully integrate value chain

#### **Hera Treatment capacity**

(k ton)



#### **New Plants contribution to growth**

Leadership linked to the selective integration of asset base.





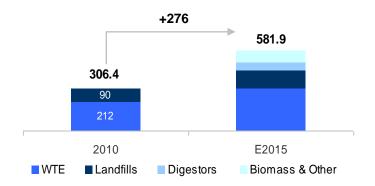


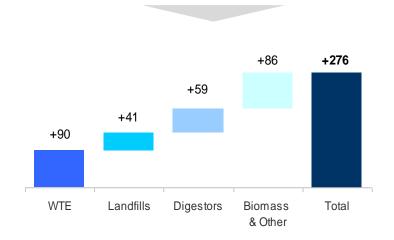
# Ebitda contribution E2015 Digesters: +6.0 m€ Biomass: +5.5 m€ Desorption p: +4.4 m€ Selection p: +1.5 m€ Other plants: +11.6 m€ Total +29.0 m€

#### Energy production sustains growth

#### Renewable Power generation

(GWh)



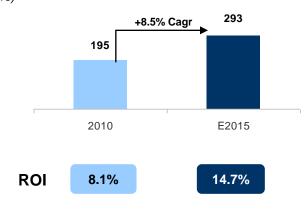


## **Waste targets**

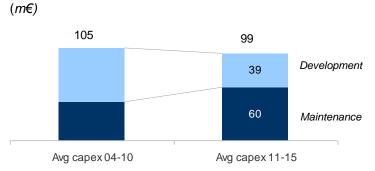


## Full contribution from all new and started up plants

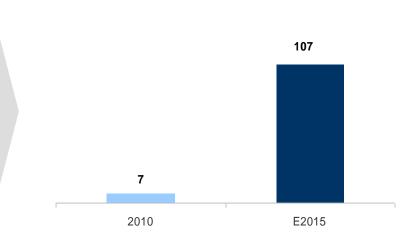




## Capex plan\*



## Cash Flow significant progression (m€)



<sup>\*</sup>Including a portion of Hera Indirect Capex



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**NETWORKS** (further details by strategic area)

#### **Networks track records**

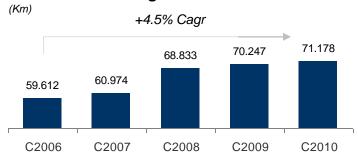


#### Hera track record

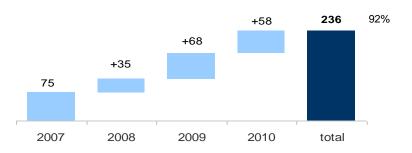
#### **Networks track record** (*m*€)

	C2004	C2005	C2006	C2007	C2008	C2009	C2010	Cagr.% 04-10
Revenues	452.2	592.4	662.8	763.8	769.2	924.2	893.2	+12.0%
Ebitda	146.2	199.9	216.3	239.4	262.4	278.1	288.8	+12.0%

#### **Total networks length**



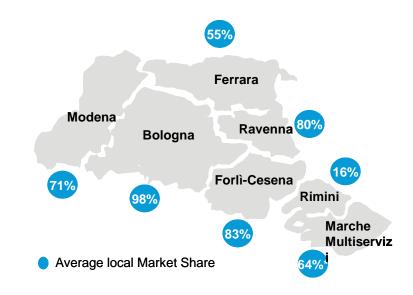
#### 92% electricity net with electronic metering



### Hera Market share in gas distribution

#### Incumbent in reference territories

(% of customers)



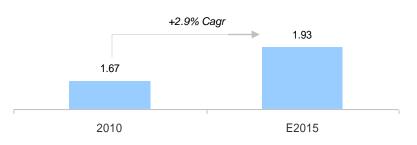
Potentials to win tenders inside the reference territory and in surroundings

## **Networks internal growth drivers (1)**

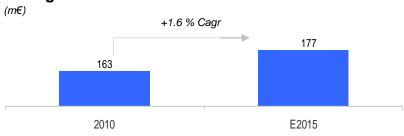


#### Visible and safe tariff enhancement

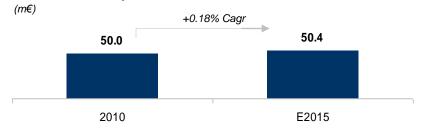
## Avg. revenue per $m^3$ of water distributed $(\epsilon/m^3)$



#### **Total gas revenues**

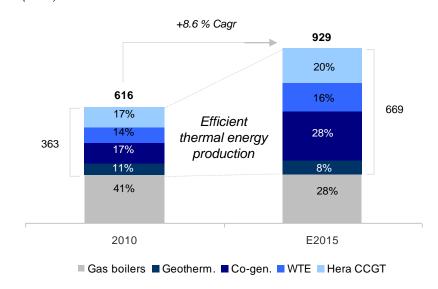


#### **Total electricity revenues**



#### Benefitting from new asset base

## Hera heating production sources (GWht)



#### Hera heating production sources

- Increase volume sold to new customer (new urbanization)
- Efficient sources for heat production
- Waste contribution to increase heat gen.
- Increase of margins/environmental perf.

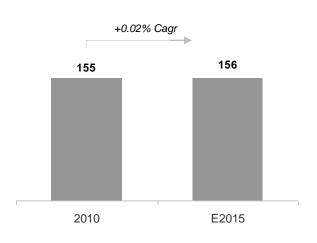
## **Networks internal growth drivers (2)**



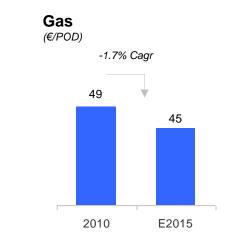
### Economies of scale in networks management

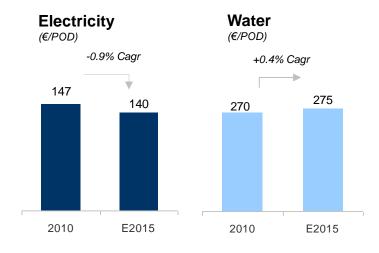
## **Average Cost per POD**

(€/POD)



- smart metering and smart grid
- workforce management
- network remote control
- network layout optimization

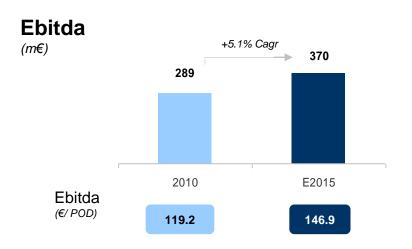




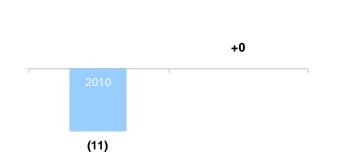
## **Networks targets**

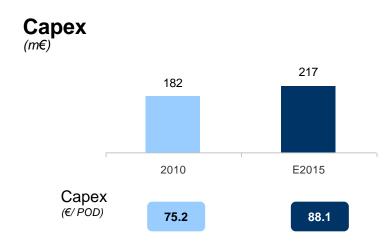


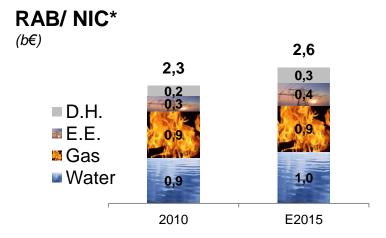
## Capital discipline and efficiency gains turn cash flows to positive



## Cash Flow (m€)







(\*) = Regulated Asset Base for Gas & Water; Net Invested Capital (Fixed Asset, Working Capital less provisions) for E.E. & D.H



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**ENERGY** (further details by strategic area)

## **Energy track record**

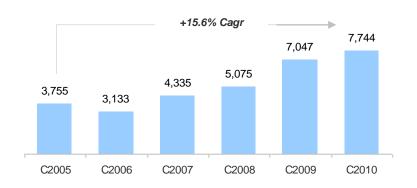


#### Hera track record

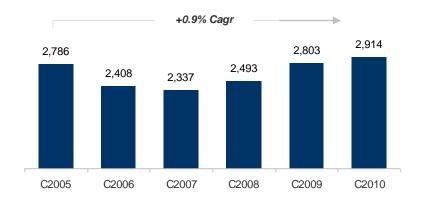
#### **Financial Highlights**

	C2004	C2005	C2006	C2007	C2008	C2009	C2010	Cagr.% 04-10
Revenues	652,4	1.089,7	1.192,3	1.630,6	2.474,1	2.958,6	2.392,1	+24,2%
Ebitda	52,9	42,7	44,7	43,0	66,1	80,8	106,9	+12,4%

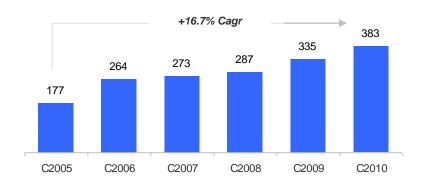
#### **Electricity volumes sold (GWh)**



#### Gas volumes sold (ml m³)



#### **Electricity customers** ('000)

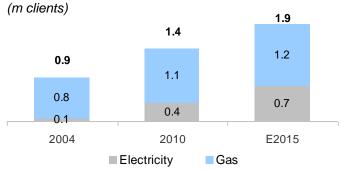


## Keeping a balanced and effective energy upstream strategy



### Sales expansion

#### **Evolution of Hera Energy clients**



#### Hera commercial strategy

- Keep in focusing on residential and SoHo
- Further penetrate surrounding Regions
- Keep on leveraging on "salvaguardia" customer base (Tuscany and Umbria)
- Focus on cross selling through a multiservice offer
- Provide key industrial clients trigen solutions

#### Hera customer satisfaction Indexes

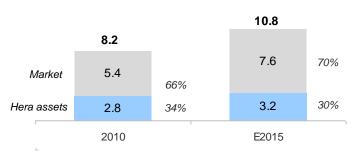
(60 correspond to satisfied, 70 to delighted)



- Implement innovative CRM practices
- Leverage upon direct contact points to enhance customer satisfaction

### Sales coverage

#### **Hera Electricity provisioning mix** (TWh)



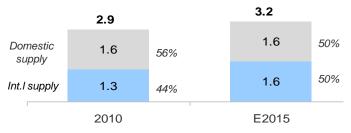


Exploit trading and procurement capabilities



- Reach flexibility with current asset base
- Identify opportunities on new leading edge projects in the M/L term

#### **Gas provisioning mix** (bcm)





- Exploit market position
- Consolidate relationship with key player
- Leverage on procurement trading capabilities
- Exploit capacity available on international pipelines
- Expand trading strengths
- Identify infrastructure opportunities

## **Energy targets**



### Growing results and decreasing capex turn cash flow to positive

#### Cost to serve

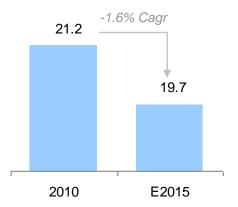
(€/contract)

Multi-utility approach to exploit economies of scale

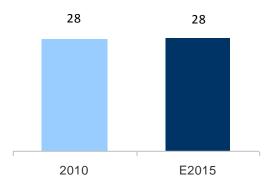
Sales channels tailored on clients' segment

Online services and electronic invoices

Optimisation of customer operations

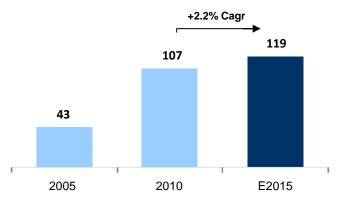


## Capex (m€)



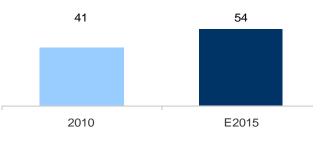
## **Ebitda growth**

(m€)



#### **Cash Flow**

(m€)



Cash Flow per customer (€)

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## ANNEX: Business Plan 2011-2015

(by business)

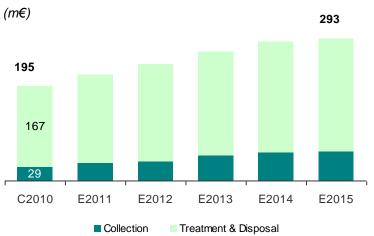
## **Waste business**



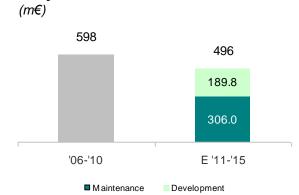
#### **Economics**

M€	2010	E2015	Cagr.
Revenues	703.1	977.8	+6.8%
Operat. costs	(386.0)	(512.1)	+5.8%
Personnel	(147.2)	(173.6)	+3.4%
Capitaliz.	25.3	0.9	(48.7%)
Ebitda	195.1	293.0	+8.5%

#### Ebitda breakdown



## Capex '11-'15: 496m€



	2010	E2015
Tariffs (€/ton)	213.8	268.7
Volume treated		
Urban <i>(kton)</i> Special <i>(kton)</i> Hera prod. <i>(kton)</i>	1,864 1,608 2,230	1,876 2,959 2,316

## **Water business**



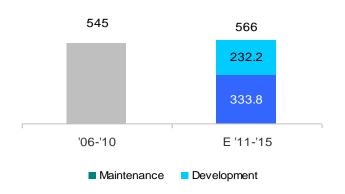
#### **Economics**

Μ €	2010	E2015	Cagr.
Revenues	579,2	570,8	(0,3%)
Operat. costs	(344,7)	(287,6)	(3,6%)
Personnel	(105,2)	(117,3)	+2,2%
Capitaliz.	12,8	27,3	+16,4%
Ebitda	142,0	193,1	+6,3%

#### Volume sold & n. of contracts



## Capex '11-'15: 566m€



	2010	E2015
Leakage	26.0%	25.3%
RAB (b€)	0.9	1.0
Tariff (€/m³)	1.7	1.9

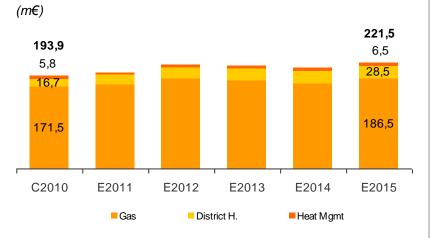
## **Gas business**



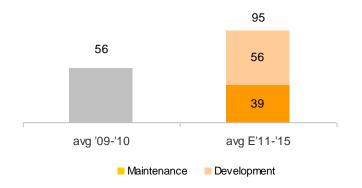
#### **Economics**

М€	2010	E2015	Cagr.
Revenues	1.237,1	1.593,7	+5,2%
Operat. costs	(1.003,3)	(1.308,2)	+5,5%
Personnel	(66,9)	(75,9)	+2,5%
Capitaliz.	27,0	11,8	(15,2%)
Ebitda	193,9	221,5	+2,7%

#### Ebitda breakdown



## Capex '11-'15: 476m€



	2010	E2015
RAB (b€)	0.9	0.9
Networks (kKm)	13.5	15.7
Tariffs (€c/m³)	6.5	6.9

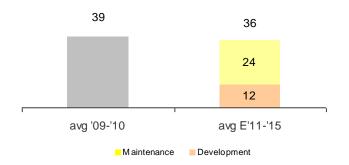
## **Electricity business**



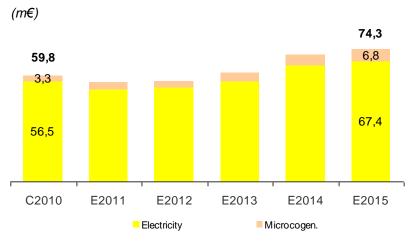
### **Economics**

M €	2010	E2015	Cagr.
Revenues	1.468,3	1.744,9	+3,5%
Operat. costs	(1.399,2)	(1.652,6)	+3,4%
Personnel	(23,8)	(29,3)	+4,2%
Capitaliz.	14,5	11,2	(5,0%)
Ebitda	59,8	74,2	+4,4%

## Capex '11-'15: 182m€ (m€)



#### Ebitda breakdown



	2010	E2015
E. sold (TWh)	7.7	10.1
E. distr. (TWh)	2.2	2.3
E. contracts (k)	383	704
E. tariffs (€c/KWh)	2.3	2.2

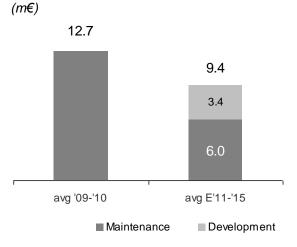
## Other business



#### **Economics**

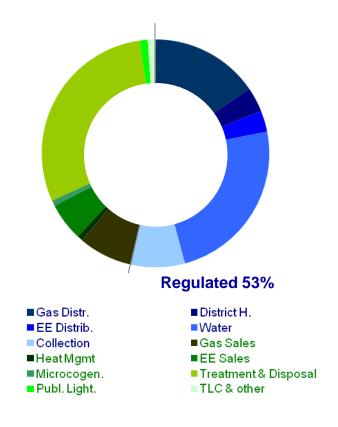
M€	2010	E2015	Cagr.
Revenues	99,4	84,5	(3,2%)
Operat. costs	(66,5)	(48,2)	(6,9%)
Personnel	(18,7)	(18,1)	(0,7%)
Capitaliz.	2,3	0,0	
Ebitda	16,4	18,2	+2,1%

## Capex '11-'15: 47m€



#### **Business Portfolio breakdown**

#### **Liberalized 47%**



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