

Y'08 results and Business plan to 2011

2009

### Introduction – 2008 achievements

- >The most remarkable year in the Hera's history in term of economic and industrial development, on organic basis, fully off-setting economic impact of down-turn (till Dec. '08).
- >+75m€ of Ebitda and +46m€ of Pretax profit, in spite of some "one off costs", with enhanced ROI (8.9%).
- >3 new plants completed consistently with planning, with additional initiatives to further strengthen upstream position in Energy and Waste businesses.
- > Visibility achieved on regulated activities (Energy, Waste and Water).
- > Focus maintained on efficiency and service effectiveness.

Reached a solid competitive platform to keep on growing

# Y2008 in a nutshell

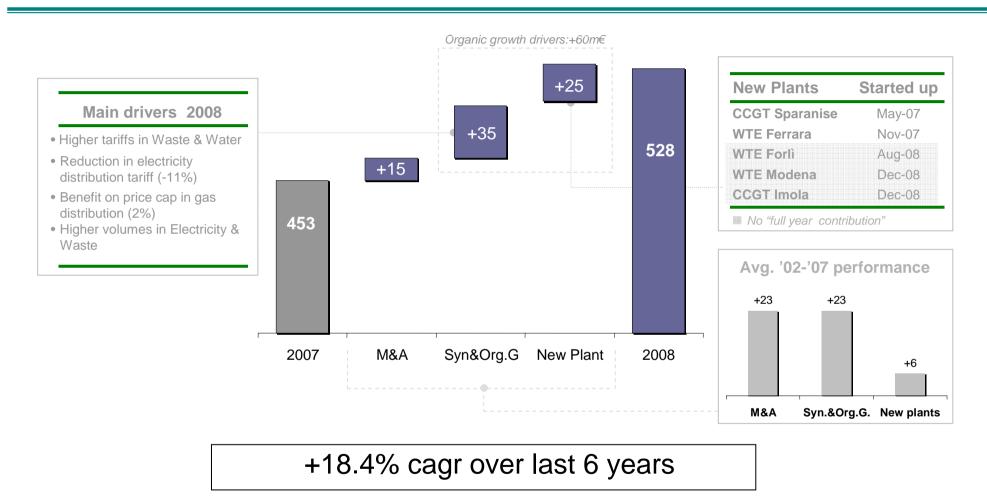
|             | Regulation                   | Asset develop.<br>& Upstream             | Market Development                            | Trading                                  | Business<br>Development |
|-------------|------------------------------|--|---|--|-------------------------|
| Electricity | New tariffs<br>up to '11     | 1 New CCGT cogen                         | 5.1 TWh sold (+17%)<br>314K customers* (+15%) | 20 TWh Traded<br>4.8 TWh dispaced (+24%) | Tamarete                |
| Gas.        | New tariff<br>system '09-'12 | 0.25 bcm new capacity<br>on TAG from '09 | 2.5 bcm sold (+7%)<br>1.1 m customer (+5%)    | 927 mcm procured (+13%)                  | SA-STrade               |
| Waste       | New tariffs<br>up to '12     | 2 New WTE and 1 under construction       | 5.2 mton managed (+17%)                       |  | and Megas               |
| Water       | New tariffs<br>up to '12     | Remote control progressive roll out      | 257 mcm sold (+ 4%)                           |  | gas                     |
|             | Visibility                   | Stronger<br>competitiveness              | in d<br>mark                                  | Industrial<br>development                |                         |

In '08 Hera has added strategic building blocks in all businesses

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<sup>\*</sup> Including contracted at Dec. 31 2008 and activated from Jan./Feb. 2009

# "Organic" growth drove performance



2008 Group Results

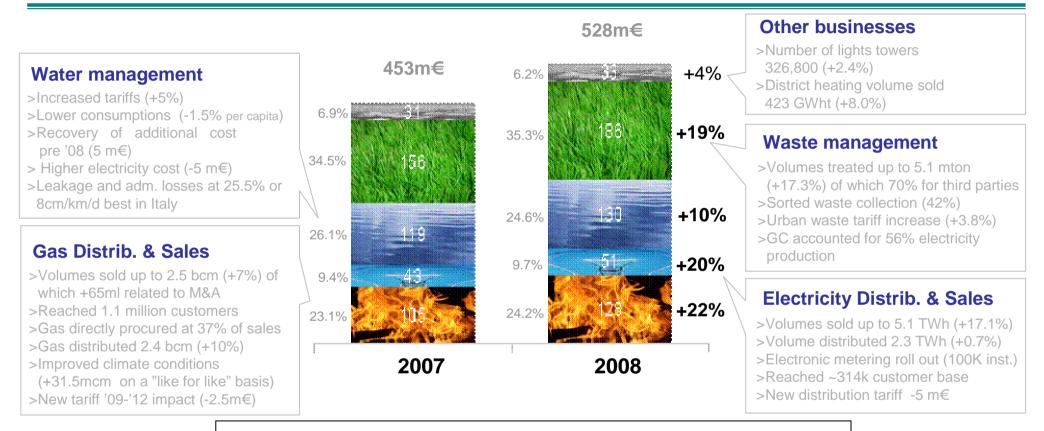


# Remarkable economic achievements – Best in track record

| M€                  | 2007   | 2008   | Inc. %   |  |
|---------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Revenues            | 2905.1   | 3792.0   | +30.5%   | HC reduction of 120 units on   |
| Oper.cost           | (2,389.0)  | (3,181.2)  | +33.2%   | a "like for like basis".   |
| Personnel           | (300.9)  | (331.1)  | +10.0%—  | Net cost increase by 2.2%  |
| Capitaliz.          | 238.2  | 248.5  | +4.3%  | Net cost increase by 2.2 /6  |
| Ebitda              | 453.3  | 528.3  | +16.5%   |  |
| D&A                 | (176.2)  | (196.8)  | +11.7%   | +18.4% cagr over last 6 years  |
| Provisions          | (56.6)   | (50.8)   | (10.4%)  |  |
| Ebit                | 220.6  | 280.7  | +27.3%   | 200 Fig. over include ffere  |
| Financial inc/(exp) | (78.0)   | (91.9)   | +17.7% -   | include "one off" (-3.0m€) fiscal Moratoria  |
| Pre tax Profit      | 142.5  | 188.9  | +32.5%   | on (-3.0me) fiscal Moratoria   |
| Tax                 | (32.6)   | (78.6)   | +140.8%  |  |
| Net Profit          | 109.9  | 110.3  | +0.3%  | '08 Tax includes 1.8m€ Robin   |
| of which Minorities | (13.7)   | (15.5)   | +13.5%   | tax.   |
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Double digit growth of operating activities

# Double digit growth achieved in all main businesses



Stronger market positions on liberalised activities and visibility on regulated businesses

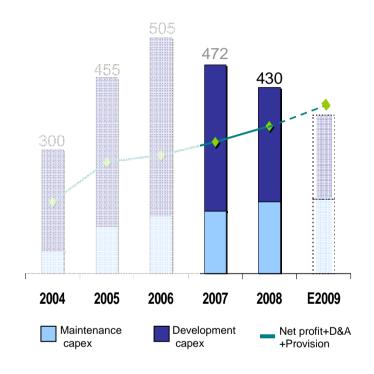
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# Declining capex and increasing cash flows

| Capex (M€)  | 2006  | 2007  | 2008  |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Waste       | 88.8  | 166.2 | 125.2 |
| Water       | 100.2 | 131.4 | 114.1 |
| Gas         | 39.9  | 34.0  | 37.7  |
| Electricity | 132.2 | 50.6  | 51.5  |
| Other       | 35.4  | 35.0  | 38.7  |
| Holding     | 56.4  | 50.4  | 57.5  |
| Financial*  | 51.8  | 4.2   | 4.9   |
| Capex '08   | 504.7 | 471.7 | 429.7 |

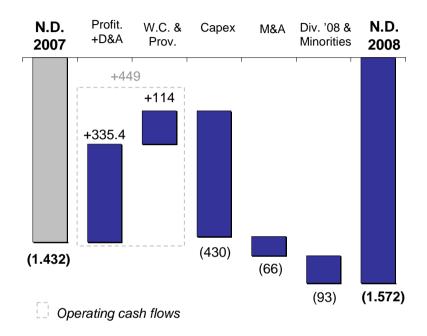
<sup>\*&#</sup>x27;06 Financial investment has been reclassified among businesses

'08 Capex mainly relates to development (of which 100 m€ in new plants)



Peak of development capex behind and positive FCF planned for 2009

# Comfortable financial structure confirmed



Operating cash flows reached 449 m€

|  |                   | 2008   |
|--|-------------------|--|
| D/E D/Ebitda Avg Duration (years) Fixed int. rates* Commited credit lines 100% maturity coverage Covenants |                   | 1.0<br>3.0<br>7<br>100%<br>350<br>mid 2011<br>none |
| Moody's rating<br>S&P's rating   | I/t<br>s/t<br>I/t | A1/stable<br>A-1/negative<br>A/negative            |

<sup>\*</sup> variable rates have been fixed through swaps

"A" rated financial structure with no short term refinancing needs

# Highlights on 2008 results

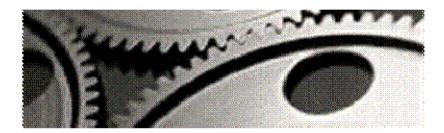
- > '08 remarkable achievements:
  - > Record organic development
  - Significant industrial milestones achieved
  - > Sound balance sheet (D/E 1x and D/Ebitda 3x) and ROI from 7.4% to 8.9%
- > Prepared to tackle with economic crisis:
  - > Lower impact on volumes in E-R region/Hera customer base
  - > Reduction of capex (-25% vs Budget in first 2 month '09)
  - > No short term refinancing need (2009-2010)
- > New 2011 targets in line with 2008 organic development

8 €c per share dividend paid in June

| Share data  |  |
|---|--|
| N. Shares Nominal value Share market price Net Equity Mkt Capitalisation Mkt Cap./N. Equity | 1,032.7<br>1.0 €<br>1.275 €<br>1,579.1 €<br>1,316.7 €<br><b>0.83</b> x |
| Consensus TP* Upside potential  | 2.5 €<br>+96%  |
| EV/Ebitda '08<br>Adj P/E '08<br>Proposed DPS (€c)<br>Div. Yield<br>Pay out                  | 5.5x<br>11.2x<br>8.0<br>6.3%<br>87%                                    |
| D/E<br>S&P rating<br>Moody's  | 1x<br>A<br>A1  |

\*As at 25th March '09

Business plan to 2011



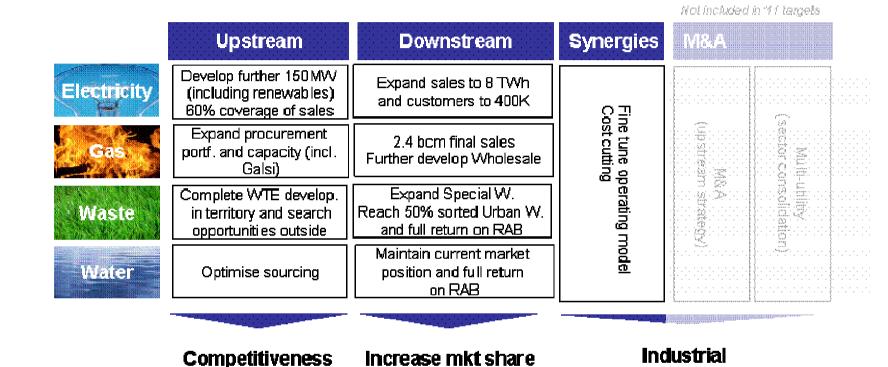


# Hera next 3Y priorities

# Key strategic targets

- > Pursue industrial strengthening through upstream integration and leveraging upon expertise in WTE.
- > Maintain positive cash flows and sound financial structure.
- > Increase return ratios and "bottom line".
- > Enhance visibility of waste business (Hera Ambiente).
- > Keep on searching external growth opportunities.

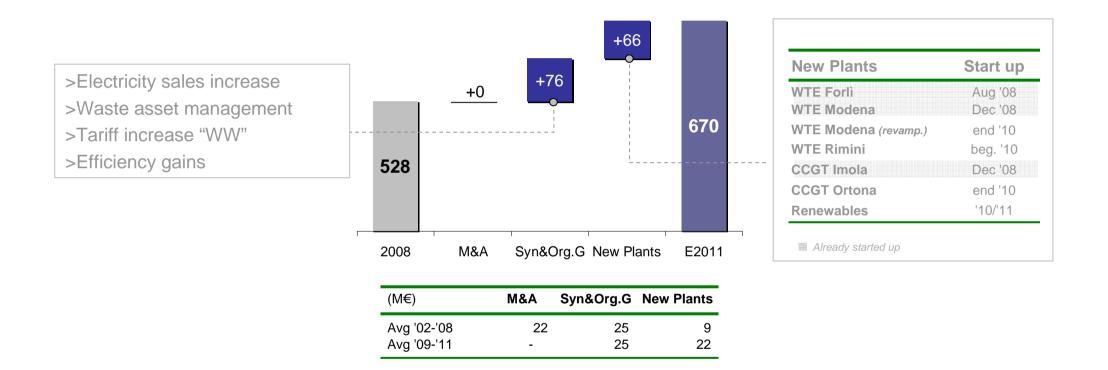
# Key strategic targets



Visible levers to profitability

development

# 670m€ Ebitda target underpinned by visible "organic" drivers

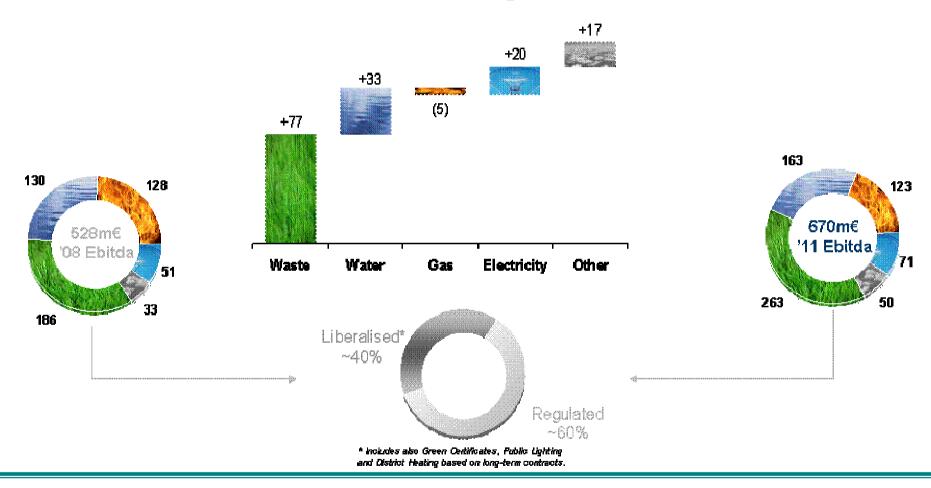


Almost all building blocks became visible in '08

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# Targeting same balancing and low risk portfolio

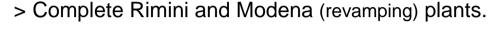
### Contribution to 2011 growth



# Waste: Capitalize on leadership in a "short market"

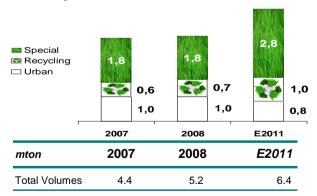
### WTE expansion almost accomplished

| Developed WTE     | MW<br>installed | Treatm.<br>Capacity | Constr./acquisit. proces<br>(year of start up) |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--|-----------------|
| Old WTE plants    | 17              | 113                 | 2003   | Still operating |
| C. E. Ravenna     | 4               | 39                  | 2004   | Acquired        |
| WTE FEA           | 22              | 220                 | 2005   | Completed       |
| WTE Ferrara       | 14              | 130                 | 2007   | Completed       |
| WTE Forlì         | 12              | 120                 | 2008   | Completed       |
| WTE Modena        | 30              | 180                 | 2008   | Completed       |
| WTE Rimini        | 12              | 120                 |  | 15%             |
| WTE Modena (rev.) | 7               | 45                  |  | 5%              |
| Total             | 118             | 967                 |  |                 |



- > Develop landfills to maintain capacity (2.5 mton).
- > New technologies for waste & soil treatment (e.g. indirect thermal desorption).
- > Energy recovery through dry and wet fermentation, biomass combustion.
- > Leverage upon engineering expertise to provide services and join new WTE initiatives.

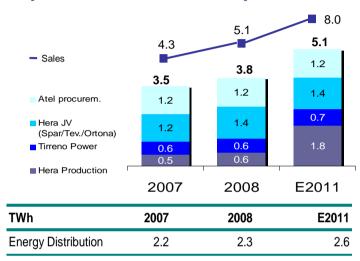
### **Third parties Waste treatments**



Spin off activities into a new "legal entity" Hera Ambiente

# Electricity: Exploit visible market opportunities

### **Upstream\* and Sales expansion**



<sup>\*</sup> Includes I/t contract with Atel

- > +150 MW capacity by 2011.
- > Further develop current portfolio in renewables targeting 2.0 TWh (70% elect./30% thermal) from 0.6 Twh.
- > Focus on solar (+4MW installed), biomass and wind.

### Power Gen. expansion program

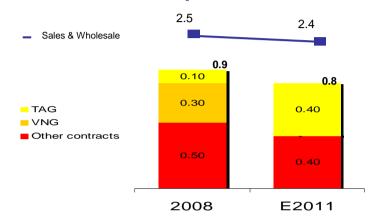
| Power Gen.          | MW    | Avail.<br>Hera Constr./acquisit. proc. |      |            |  |
|---------------------|-------|--|------|------------|--|
| Tirreno Power       | 3,000 | 169                                    | 2003 | Acquired   |  |
| Atel contract (VPP) | 160   | 160                                    | 2005 | Contracted |  |
| Sparanise           | 800   | 120                                    | 2007 | Completed  |  |
| Teverola            | 400   | 156                                    | 2007 | Completed  |  |
| Imola (cogen.)      | 80    | 80                                     | 2008 | Completed  |  |
| Ortona              | 105   | 27                                     |      | 5%         |  |
| Other & Renew.      |       | 127                                    |      | 75%        |  |
| WTE                 |       | 111                                    |      | 80%        |  |
| Total               |       | 950                                    |      |            |  |

 $^{\prime}08 \text{ produc. } (Twh)$  12.6 Revenues  $(m \in)$  1.500 Ebitda  $(m \in)$  323 Net Profit  $(m \in)$  100 Add capacity post  $^{\prime}08$ : •CCGT (MW) +400 •Coal (MW) +460

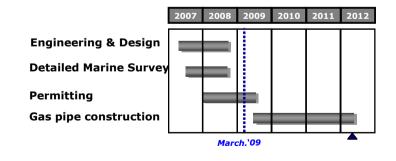
- > 65% coverage of sales with own production.
- > +8 TWh sales and 400K clients (balanced portfolio of clients).
- > 60% of sales growth targets achieved with '09 commercial campaign (December 2008).

# Gas: Move upward for full balancing

### **Direct Gas import Hera**



### **Galsi Project time table**



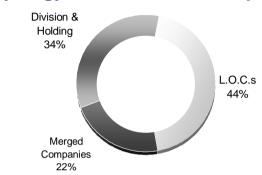
- > Substantially maintain sales volume offsetting physiologic churn rate and maintain 80% sales to residential clients & SME.
- > Flexible on upstream to take advantage from a more "liquid" domestic market.
- > Galsi (10.4% stake) will further increase by 1 bcm from '13 the direct procurement.
- > LNG, Storage and relations with large players are further options under valuation to structure the portfolio.
- > Maintain position in reference market (92% mkt share in reference territory).
- > Leverage upon 30% stake in SGR Servizi (RN).

| '08 Clients (k unit) | 181 |
|----------------------|-----|
| '08 Volumes (mcm)    | 295 |
| Revenues (m€)        | 144 |
| Ebitda (m€)          | 8   |
| Net Profit (m€)      | 4   |
|                      |     |

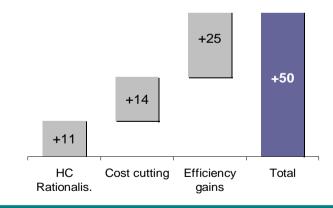
### Extracting value from current Group operations

- > Exploit embedded value in:
  - > Waste through Hera Ambiente
  - > Renewables leveraging upon existing production
  - > Public Lighting | leveraging upon business size
  - > Energy services. ∫ (above 20 m€ '11 Ebitda)
- > Rationalize ownership of network asset base.
- > Fine tune of operating model for Regulated activities:
  - > Reorganise scope of territorial operations to target additional cost savings.
  - > Leverage upon innovation for service management (eg. Electronic metering, remote control).
- > Enhance service quality through customer management infrastructures and 3 services per client.

### Synergy '09-'11 in Hera Group

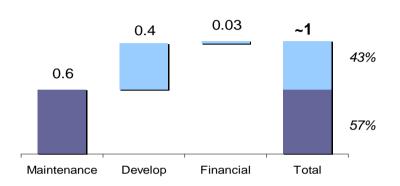


### Synergies 2009-2011 (m€)



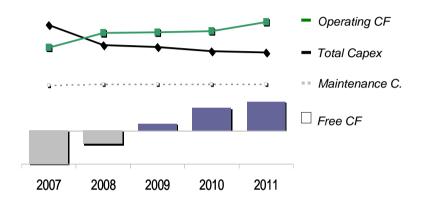
# Decreasing capex and positive cash flows from '09

### Capex plan



| Capex           | '09-'11 |
|-----------------|---------|
| Waste           | 295     |
| Water           | 377     |
| Gas             | 130     |
| EE              | 154     |
| Other           | 110     |
| Total net capex | 1,066   |

### **Positive Cash Flows from 2009**



|                            | 2008  | E2011 |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|
| Net invested Capital (m €) | 3,151 | 3,466 |
| ROI                        | 8.9%  | 11.8% |
| ROE                        | 7.0%  | 11.1% |
| D/E                        | 1.00x | 0.95x |
| NFD/Ebitda                 | 3.0x  | 2.5x  |

### M&A: Still in the radar screen

Rational to pursue develop-Timeline perspective What Hera can offer ment through M&A > Need to enlarge > Remarkable sized presence in core > Energy and industry position. Core business businesses acquisition > Waste > Extract additional value > Credibility on Aggregation with > In E-R region integration and > Sale mean to achieve small-mid sized territorial services sizeable grow ups multi-utilities > Surroundings > Indirect listing > Leading position in > First mover the sector Agreements with large multi -utilities or > Large customer base Industrial partners > Know how > Balanced portfolio

### Low risk, positive cash flows and dividend growth

Already set in place the main premises for future Ebitda growth for about +142m€, not including potential M&A.

Growth in all core regulated and liberalised activities, confirm balanced business mix (60% regulated activities).

Free cash flows become positive starting from current year.

Bettering current sound financial structure and grow dividends.

On track with the mid term target of 2 million clients, 1 billion Ebitda and a sound financial structure

# Q&A



### Waste

| M€         | 2007    | %       | 2008    | %       | Inc. % |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| Revenues   | 553.6   | 100.0%  | 632.1   | 100.0%  | +14.2% |
| oper.cost  | (289.4) | (52.3%) | (328.0) | (51.9%) | +13.3% |
| personnel  | (129.1) | (23.3%) | (142.1) | (22.5%) | +10.1% |
| Capitaliz. | 21.3    | 3.8%    | 24.2    | 3.8%    | +13.2% |
| Ebitda     | 156.3   | 28.2%   | 186.3   | 29.5%   | +19.2% |

Better tariff (+3.8%) and new plants underpin sales growth.

Green certificates were conservatively considered on 56% (1.1 GC on 51% of energy produced) of WTE production.

Waste volume up due to mergers and "by product" increase.

Ebitda benefits also from new plants (Ferrara and Forlì WTE contributed for about 23m€).

| Data                       | 2007    | 2008    | Inc. % |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| Urban W. Volume (Kton)     | 1,666.5 | 1,762.5 | +5.8%  |
| Special W. Volume (Kton)   | 1,770.3 | 1,801.7 | +1.8%  |
| Internal W. Volumes (Kton) | 961.5   | 1,594.0 | +65.8% |
| Total Volume Treated       | 4,398.2 | 5,158.2 | +17.3% |

### Water

| M €        | 2007    | %       | 2008    | %       | Inc. % |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| Revenues   | 407.6   | 100.0%  | 459.0   | 100.0%  | +12.6% |
| Oper.cost  | (342.0) | (83.9%) | (359.0) | (78.2%) | +5.0%  |
| Personnel  | (89.8)  | (22.0%) | (100.8) | (22.0%) | +12.3% |
| Capitaliz. | 142.7   | 35.0%   | 131.0   | 28.5%   | (8.2%) |
| Ebitda     | 118.5   | 29.1%   | 130.2   | 28.4%   | +9.8%  |

Tariff increase by +5% and M&A more than offset slightly lower per capita consumptions (-1.0/1.5%) and lower revenues from new connections (slowdown of real estate industry).

Ebitda increase benefit also from the recovery of additional costs sustained in prior regulatory period (5m€) offsetting higher '08 energy costs.

Remote control roll out continue on networks.

| Data                         | 2007    | 2008    | Inc. % |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| Regulated Revenues           | 344     | 389     | +13.2% |
| Revenue (€c/m³)              | 142.5   | 151.4   | +6.2%  |
| N. customers (K unit)        | 1,015.0 | 1,153.9 | +13.7% |
| Aqueduct (m m <sup>3</sup> ) | 241.1   | 257.0   | +6.6%  |



### Gas

| M€         | 2007    | %       | 2008    | %       | Inc. % |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| Revenues   | 922.0   | 100.0%  | 1,130.3 | 100.0%  | +22.6% |
| oper.cost  | (810.5) | (87.9%) | (997.4) | (88.2%) | +23.1% |
| personnel  | (39.5)  | (4.3%)  | (46.6)  | (4.1%)  | +18.1% |
| Capitaliz. | 32.7    | 3.5%    | 41.6    | 3.7%    | +27.3% |
| Ebitda     | 104.7   | 11.4%   | 127.8   | 11.3%   | +22.0% |

Colder winter season and M&A more than offset tariff decrease (-2.1%).

Customer base increase mainly due to M&A: Megas contributed for 40K clients (sales and distribution) and SAT with further 60K clients (distribution)

Ebitda benefits also from efficiency gains (lower costs and economies of scale) and discount -2.5m€ related to tariff revision.

| Data                                | 2007    | 2008    | Inc. % |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| Distrib. Revenues                   | 124.5   | 134.3   | +7.9%  |
| Volume distrib. (mm³)               | 2,150   | 2,370   | +10.2% |
| Revenue (€c/m³)                     | 5.79    | 5.67    | (2.1)% |
| N. customers (K unit)               | 1,018.7 | 1,065.7 | +4.6%  |
| Volume Sold (mm <sup>3</sup> )      | 2,337.0 | 2,493.1 | +6.7%  |
| of which trading (mm <sup>3</sup> ) | 223.2   | 294.8   | +32.1% |

# **Electricity**

| М€         | 2007    | %       | 2008      | %       | Inc. % |
|------------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|
| Revenues   | 989.2   | 100.0%  | 1,555.0   | 100.0%  | +57.2% |
| Oper.cost  | (945.1) | (95.5%) | (1,506.5) | (96.9%) | +59.4% |
| Personnel  | (20.0)  | (2.0%)  | (22.0)    | (1.4%)  | +10.5% |
| Capitaliz. | 18.6    | 1.9%    | 24.9      | 1.6%    | +33.9% |
| Ebitda     | 42.7    | 4.3%    | 51.4      | 3.3%    | +20.3% |

Market expansion and trading activities more than offset lower consumptions and distribution tariff reduction of about 8.9%.

Customer base increased to 287K clients (314K including contracted at Dec. '08 and activated in Jan./Feb. '09)

Ebitda benefits also from upstream integration.

| Data                                | 2007  | 2008  | Inc. %  |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|---------|
| Distrib. Revenues                   | 50.5  | 45.3  | (10.3)% |
| Volume distrib. (b M <sup>3</sup> ) | 2,248 | 2,263 | +0.7%   |
| Revenue (€c/m³)                     | 2.2   | 2.0   | (10.9)% |
| N. customers (K unit)               | 273.2 | 286.9 | +5.0%   |
| Volume Sold (GWh)                   | 4,335 | 5,075 | +17.1%  |



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### Other Businesses

| M€         | 2007    | %       | 2008    | %       | Inc. %  |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Revenues   | 160.4   | 100.0%  | 164.2   | 100.0%  | +2.3%   |
| oper.cost  | (129.6) | (80.8%) | (138.7) | (84.5%) | +7.1%   |
| personnel  | (22.6)  | (14.1%) | (19.7)  | (12.0%) | (13.0%) |
| Capitaliz. | 23.0    | 14.4%   | 26.8    | 16.3%   | +16.2%  |
| Ebitda     | 31.2    | 19.5%   | 32.6    | 19.8%   | +4.4%   |

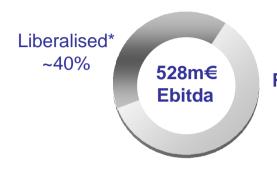
Revenues increase underpinned by growth in all offsetting reduction activities related dismissions of non-core activities.

District Heating benefit from cold winter season and Public Lighting market expanded in 4 Municipalities.

Ebitda benefits also from efficiency gains and mini-cogen. units started.

| Data                     | 2007  | 2008  | Inc. % |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| District Heating (Gwht)  | 391.5 | 422.6 | +8.0%  |
| Public Lighting (K unit) | 319.1 | 326.8 | +2.4%  |

### Portfolio mix



Regulated ~60%

\* Includes also Green Certificates, Public Lighting and District Heating based on longterm contracts.

### Hera regulated businesses

|                                | Urban Waste<br>Coll. | Water<br>mgmt. | Gas<br>Distrib. | Elect.<br>Distrib. |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Concession Length              | 2012                 | 2024           | 2010            | 2030               |
| Return on RAB                  | 6.0%                 | 7.0%*          | 7.6%            | 7.0%               |
| '05-'08 avg tariff (Rev./vol.) | +7.3%                | +5.5%          | +2.3%           | +1.7%              |
| Regulatory period              | '08-'12              |                | '09-'12         | '08-'11            |
| Authority                      | 7 ATO (local)        |                | AEEG (I         | National)          |

<sup>\*7.2%</sup> on new investments



# Business plan assumptions

| Macro-scenario assumptions  | Prior plan<br>E2010 | New plan<br>E2010 | New Plan<br>E2011 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Inflation                   | 2%                  | 2%                | 2%                |
| \$/B Brent                  | 50.00               | 73.00             | 70.00             |
| Exchange rate \$/€          | 0.76                | 0.71              | 0.71              |
| avg Electricity price €/MWh | 62.30               | 72.90             | 71.00             |
| Green Certificates (€/Mwh)  | 120.00              | 80.00             | 80.00             |
| CO2 (€/ton)                 | 18.00               | 23.00             | 24.00             |



### Waste & Water

### Waste

| М€         | 2008    | %       | E2011   | %       | Cagr.%  |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Revenues   | 632.1   | 100.0%  | 783.8   | 100%    | +7.4%   |
| Oper.cost  | (328.0) | (51.9%) | (373.1) | (47.6%) | +4.4%   |
| Personnel  | (142.1) | (22.5%) | (150.7) | (19.2%) | +2.0%   |
| Capitaliz. | 24.2    | 3.8%    | 4.0     | 0.5%    | (45.2%) |
| Ebitda     | 186.3   | 29.5%   | 263.9   | 33.7%   | +12.3%  |

Revenues +7.4%

Urban w. tariff +2.3% cagr Urban w. volumes: +2.0% cagr

Tariff increase up to 2012 already agreed with local authorities. Green certificates conservatively considered on 51% of energy produced and 1.1 certificate per GWh.

Special waste volume expansion (double digit) leverage upon new plant capacity.

Ebitda +12.3%

Mainly underpinned by the new WTE plants contribution (3 new plant already into started up, 1 new in construction in Rimini and 1 refurbishment in Modena),

### Water

| M€         | 2008    | %       | E2011   | %       | Cagr.% |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| Revenues   | 459.0   | 100.0%  | 498.1   | 100%    | +2.8%  |
| Oper.cost  | (359.0) | (78.2%) | (336.2) | (67.5%) | (2.2%) |
| Personnel  | (100.8) | (22.0%) | (112.8) | (22.6%) | +3.8%  |
| Capitaliz. | 131.0   | 28.5%   | 114.1   | 22.9%   | (4.5%) |
| Ebitda     | 130.2   | 28.4%   | 163.2   | 32.8%   | +7.8%  |

Revenues +2.7%

Tariff growth: +4.5% cagr

Regulated water tariff increase underpin revenue growth.

Tariff increase up to 2012 already agreed with local authorities. Volumes estimated flat.

Ebitda +7.8%

Mainly underpinned by tariff increases and efficiency gains pursued in network management (remote control of 100% network).



# Gas & Electricity

### Gas

| М€         | 2008    | %       | E2011   | %       | Cagr.%  |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Revenues   | 1,130.3 | 100.0%  | 1,124.0 | 100%    | (0.2%)  |
| Oper.cost  | (997.4) | (88.2%) | (972.2) | (86.5%) | (0.9%)  |
| Personnel  | (46.6)  | (4.1%)  | (55.0)  | (4.9%)  | +5.7%   |
| Capitaliz. | 41.6    | 3.7%    | 25.8    | 2.3%    | (14.7%) |
| Ebitda     | 127.8   | 11.3%   | 122.6   | 10.9%   | (1.4%)  |

Revenues (0.2%)

Gas distr. tariff (1.1%) cagr Gas sales volumes: (1.0)% cagr

Sales volumes assumptions are based upon "normal" winter seasons. Gas sales prices based upon assumption of 70\$ per oil barrel (fx \$/€ 0.71).

Ebitda (1.4%)

Ebitda reflects tariff decrease.

### **Electricity**

| M€         | 2008 %    |         | E2011     | %       | Cagr.%  |  |
|------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|--|
| Revenues   | 1,555.0   | 100.0%  | 1,853.6   | 100%    | +6.0%   |  |
| Oper.cost  | (1,506.5) | (96.9%) | (1,776.2) | (95.8%) | +5.6%   |  |
| Personnel  | (22.0)    | (1.4%)  | (23.3)    | (1.3%)  | +1.9%   |  |
| Capitaliz. | 24.9      | 1.6%    | 17.3      | 0.9%    | (11.4%) |  |
| Ebitda     | 51.4      | 3.3%    | 71.3      | 3.8%    | +11.6%  |  |
| Revenues   |           |         |           |         | +6.0%   |  |

Elect. distr. tariff (1.0)% cagr Elect. distr. Volumes +4.3% cagr Elect. sales volumes: +16.4% cagr

Market expansion (1/3 of already contracted in Dec. '08) is mainly driven by cross selling on gas customer base (mainly Soho/SME and residential customers).

Ebitda +11.6%

Mainly underpinned by upstream in power generation and market expansion.



### Other Businesses & Portfolio Mix

### **Other Businesses**

| М€         | 2008 %              | E2011   | %       | Cagr.% |
|------------|---------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| Revenues   | <b>164.2</b> 100.0% | 154.9   | 100%    | (1.9%) |
| Oper.cost  | (138.7) (84.5%)     | (108.1) | (69.8%) | (8.0%) |
| Personnel  | (19.7) (12.0%)      | (19.1)  | (12.3%) | (0.9%) |
| Capitaliz. | 26.8 16.3%          | 21.4    | 13.8%   | (7.2%) |
| Ebitda     | <b>32.6</b> 19.8%   | 49.1    | 31.7%   | +14.7% |

Revenues (1.9%)

### **District Heating**

Thermal e.: from 423 to 675 Gwht Power gen. from 70 to 106 GWhe

Pubblic Lighting

Lighting towers. from 327k to 349k

Sales expected reduction relates to non-core activities dismissions partially compensated by increase of District Heating and Public Lighting revenues.

Ebitda +14.7%

Mainly underpinned by efficiency gains and development of District Heating and Public Lighting activities. Ebitda margin expected to increase significantly.

### **Portfolio Mix**



\* Includes also Green Certificates, Public Lighting and District Heating based on long-term contracts.



### Sustainability

- > Hera strategic planning sets targets for all main KPIs.
- > Strategic planning in Hera is a "Bottom-Up" process renewed every year to define a 3-years business plan.
- > Targets are analytically defined in a Balanced Score Card system extended to all senior and middle management.
- Top management remuneration (disclosed in the financial statements) is
   50% linked to target achievements.
- > Senior and middle management remuneration system is also linked (15%-20%) to the achievements of targets set in the BSC.

| Personnel              | E2010 | E2011 | Incr/(decr.) |
|------------------------|-------|-------|--------------|
| Training (K h./capita) | 130   | 130   | -            |
| Incidents on Job*      | 42    | 39    | +7.1%        |
| Gravity of damage**    | 0.9   | 0.9   | -            |
| Customers              | E2010 | E2011 | Incr/(decr.) |

| Customers                      | E2010     | E2011   | incr/(decr.) |  |
|--------------------------------|-----------|---------|--------------|--|
| Intermediate in a service      | 47 !      | 40      | .00.50/      |  |
| Interrruptions in e.e. service | 17 min.   | 13 min. | +23.5%       |  |
| Respect of Aeeg std            | 100%      | 100%    |              |  |
| Avg waiting time in shops      | 20 min.   | 15 min. | +25.0%       |  |
| Avg waiting time call centres  | 27,5 sec. | 30 sec. | (9.0)%       |  |

| Energy from renewables (Gwh and Gwht) | E2010 | E2011 | Incr/(decr.) |  |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------------|--|
| Cogeneration (incl. thermal)          | 1,270 | 1,327 | +4.5%        |  |
| WTE (incl. thermal)                   | 383   | 409   | +6.8%        |  |
| Geothermal                            | 83    | 84    | +1.2%        |  |
| Hydro                                 | 116   | 121   | +4.3%        |  |
| Biogas (incl. thermal)                | 14    | 17    | +21.4%       |  |
| Other                                 | 56    | 102   | +82.1%       |  |
| Total                                 | 1,922 | 2,060 | +7.2%        |  |

| Environment                             | E2010 | E2011 | Incr/(decr.) |
|---|-------|-------|--------------|
| Sorted Waste collection                 | 50%   | 50%   | -            |
| Colleted Urban Waste to landfil         | 15%   | 15%   | -            |
| Water leakage (incl. Administrative I.) | 21%   | 21%   | -            |
| Respect Kyoto Standards (Co2)           | >100% | >100% | -            |
| % WTE emission of law limits            | -     | 21%   | -            |
| White Certificates (K Tep)              | 88    | 65    | (26.1)%      |



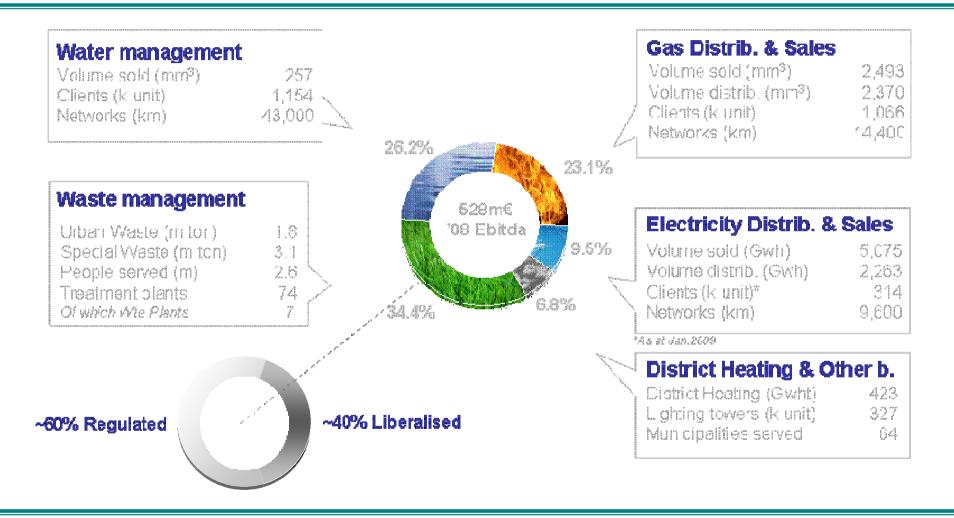
# Italian utility sector overview



Sector consolidation process currently still ongoing in Italy



# Hera activity: well balanced complementary core activities



# First standing market position in liberalised businesses

- >Regulatory framework and tariff definition recently set for all the businesses.
- >Waste and Water tariffs below EU avg.

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- >Leader in Waste treatments
- >3rd in Gas (dominant position in reference territory with ~91% mkt share).
- >8th Electricity sales, (+36% cagr. since 2002) through cross-selling.

|                     | Special Waste (m ton) | Gas Sales<br>(bcm) | Elect. Sales<br>(TWh) |  |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Volume              | 3.3957                | 2.4931             | 4.3                   |  |
| N. clients (k unit) |                       | 1,066              | 274                   |  |
| Ranks in Italy      | 1st                   | 3rd                | top 10                |  |
| Mkt share in Italy  | 3.2%                  | 3.0%               | 1.3%                  |  |

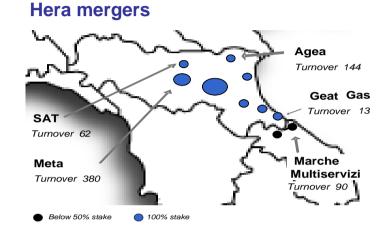
# Unique and effective governance

In 2002 established (through the first consolidation involving 11 companies)

Year by year continued to merge companies in surrounding areas

Public Shareholdings become consequently highly fragmented (Munic. of Bologna has the largest share of 15%)

Free float include more than 150 institutional shareholders



### **Shareholdings**



\*Municipality shareholders amount to about 180 Municipalities



# Strong track record outperforming IPO targets

### Ebitda more than doubled

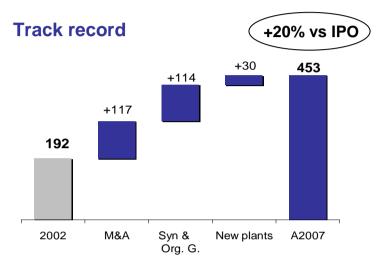
Net profit tripled

Dividends more than doubled

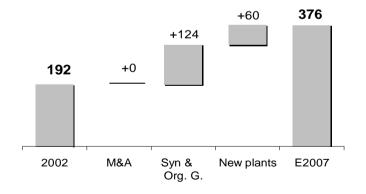
# Sound capital structure:

D/E below 1 and 8 years debt duration, 90% fixed interest rates and 350m€ committed credit lines covering maturities up to year 2011.

| M€         | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006  | 2007  | 2008  | Cagr % |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Revenues   | 1.099 | 1.241 | 1.529 | 2.148 | 2.364 | 2.905 | 3.792 | +22,9% |
| Ebitda     | 192   | 242   | 292   | 386   | 427   | 453   | 528   | +18,4% |
| Net Profit | 37    | 53    | 87    | 109   | 100   | 110   | 110   | +20,0% |
| D/E (%)    | 29    | 50    | 53    | 65    | 77    | 93    | 100   | +22,8% |
| DPS (C€)   | 3,5   | 5,3   | 6,0   | 7,0   | 8,0   | 8,0   | 8,0   | +14,8% |
| ROI (%)    | 6,9   | 8,4   | 10,9  | 8,8   | 8,6   | 7,4   | 8,9   | +4,4%  |



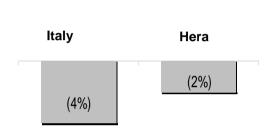
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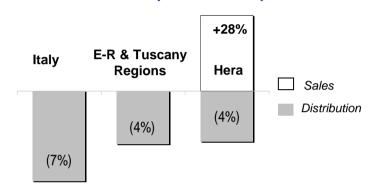


# Updating on macro-scenario impact on Hera first 2 month results

# Gas demand performance in first 2 months '09 vs '08



# Electricity demand performance in first 2 months '09 vs '08 (normalised)



- >Impact below national average on energy distribution businesses.
- > Energy Distribution business tariff systems protect from volume reductions.

### **Water business**

- >Water sales -4% vs '08.
- >Tariff increase offset volume reduction

### **Waste businesses**

- >Urban waste treated -2% vs '08
- >Special Waste volumes treated -10%

