

LINDE PLC AND SUBSIDIARIES
SUMMARY NON-GAAP RECONCILIATIONS
(UNAUDITED)

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(Millions of dollars, except per share amounts)

	Sales		Operating Profit		Income from Continuing Operations		Diluted EPS from Continuing Operations	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
Quarter Ended September 30								
Reported GAAP Amounts	\$ 7,668	\$ 6,855	\$ 1,292	\$ 969	\$ 978	\$ 699	\$ 1.88	\$ 1.32
Cost reduction program and other charges (a)	-	-	26	48	58	36	0.11	0.07
Pension settlement charges (b)	-	-	-	-	3	5	0.01	0.01
Purchase accounting impacts - Linde AG (c)	-	-	492	498	382	400	0.73	0.75
Total adjustments	-	-	518	546	443	441	0.85	0.83
Adjusted amounts	\$ 7,668	\$ 6,855	\$ 1,810	\$ 1,515	\$ 1,421	\$ 1,140	\$ 2.73	\$ 2.15

	Sales		Operating Profit		Income from Continuing Operations		Diluted EPS from Continuing Operations	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
Year to Date September 30								
Reported GAAP Amounts	\$ 22,495	\$ 19,971	\$ 3,647	\$ 2,293	\$ 2,797	\$ 1,728	\$ 5.34	\$ 3.25
Cost reduction program and other charges (a)	-	-	222	428	228	318	0.44	0.60
Pension settlement charges (b)	-	-	-	-	3	5	0.01	0.01
Purchase accounting impacts - Linde AG (c)	-	-	1,466	1,463	1,120	1,103	2.13	2.07
Total adjustments	-	-	1,688	1,891	1,351	1,426	2.58	2.68
Adjusted amounts	\$ 22,495	\$ 19,971	\$ 5,335	\$ 4,184	\$ 4,148	\$ 3,154	\$ 7.92	\$ 5.93

(a) To adjust for cost reduction program and other charges; 2021 includes severance of \$20 million and \$228 million for the quarter and year-to-date periods, other cost reduction charges of \$9 million and \$49 million for the quarter and year-to-date periods and an other net benefit of \$3 million for the quarter and \$55 million for the year-to-date period.

(b) To adjust for pension settlement charges.

(c) To adjust for purchase accounting impacts related to the merger.

LINDE PLC AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME
(Millions of dollars, except per share data)
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	Quarter Ended		Year To Date	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
SALES	\$ 7,668	\$ 6,855	\$ 22,495	\$ 19,971
Cost of sales	4,368	3,835	12,616	11,297
Selling, general and administrative	793	770	2,402	2,391
Depreciation and amortization	1,163	1,168	3,500	3,434
Research and development	36	36	105	114
Cost reduction programs and other charges	26	48	222	428
Other income (expense) - net	10	(29)	(3)	(14)
OPERATING PROFIT	1,292	969	3,647	2,293
Interest expense - net	8	38	46	80
Net pension and OPEB cost (benefit), excluding service cost	(45)	(41)	(143)	(131)
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS BEFORE INCOME TAXES AND EQUITY INVESTMENTS	1,329	972	3,744	2,344
Income taxes	321	265	923	594
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS BEFORE EQUITY INVESTMENTS	1,008	707	2,821	1,750
Income from equity investments	1	23	81	69
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS (INCLUDING NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS)	1,009	730	2,902	1,819
Add: income from discontinued operations, net of tax	1	1	3	3
INCOME (INCLUDING NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS)	1,010	731	2,905	1,822
Less: noncontrolling interests from continuing operations	(31)	(31)	(105)	(91)
Less: noncontrolling interests from discontinued operations	-	-	-	-
NET INCOME - LINDE PLC	\$ 979	\$ 700	\$ 2,800	\$ 1,731
NET INCOME - LINDE PLC				
Income from continuing operations	\$ 978	\$ 699	\$ 2,797	\$ 1,728
Income from discontinued operations	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 3	\$ 3
PER SHARE DATA - LINDE PLC SHAREHOLDERS				
Basic earnings per share from continuing operations	\$ 1.90	\$ 1.33	\$ 5.39	\$ 3.28
Basic earnings per share from discontinued operations	-	-	0.01	0.01
Basic earnings per share	\$ 1.90	\$ 1.33	\$ 5.40	\$ 3.29
Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations	\$ 1.88	\$ 1.32	\$ 5.34	\$ 3.25
Diluted earnings per share from discontinued operations	-	-	0.01	0.01
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 1.88	\$ 1.32	\$ 5.35	\$ 3.26
Cash dividends	\$ 1.06	\$ 0.963	\$ 3.18	\$ 2.889
WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING				
Basic shares outstanding (000's)	515,169	525,694	518,802	527,501
Diluted shares outstanding (000's)	520,079	530,415	523,662	531,724

Note: See page 10 for a reconciliation to adjusted amounts which are Non-GAAP.

LINDE PLC AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
(Millions of dollars)
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	September 30,	December 31,
	2021	2020
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,700	\$ 3,754
Accounts receivable - net	4,367	4,167
Contract assets	166	162
Inventories	1,694	1,729
Prepaid and other current assets	1,080	1,112
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	12,007	10,924
Property, plant and equipment - net	26,180	28,711
Goodwill	27,178	28,201
Other intangibles - net	14,048	16,184
Other long-term assets	4,778	4,209
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 84,191	\$ 88,229
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Accounts payable	\$ 3,069	\$ 3,095
Short-term debt	2,895	3,251
Current portion of long-term debt	2,293	751
Contract liabilities	2,213	1,769
Other current liabilities	4,288	4,874
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	14,758	13,740
Long-term debt	11,539	12,152
Other long-term liabilities	12,157	12,755
TOTAL LIABILITIES	38,454	38,647
REDEEMABLE NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS	13	13
LINDE PLC SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:		
Common stock	1	1
Additional paid-in capital	40,220	40,202
Retained earnings	18,240	17,178
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(5,618)	(4,690)
Less: Treasury stock, at cost	(8,520)	(5,374)
Total Linde plc shareholders' equity	44,323	47,317
Noncontrolling interests	1,401	2,252
TOTAL EQUITY	45,724	49,569
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 84,191	\$ 88,229

LINDE PLC AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
(Millions of dollars)
(UNAUDITED)

	Quarter Ended		Year to Date	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
OPERATIONS				
Net income - Linde plc	\$ 979	\$ 700	\$ 2,800	\$ 1,731
Less: income from discontinued operations, net of tax and noncontrolling interests	(1)	(1)	(3)	(3)
Add: noncontrolling interests	31	31	105	91
Net income (including noncontrolling interests)	<u>1,009</u>	<u>730</u>	<u>2,902</u>	<u>1,819</u>
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Cost reduction programs and other charges, net of payments (a)	(12)	1	83	240
Depreciation and amortization	1,163	1,168	3,500	3,434
Accounts receivable	(151)	42	(539)	(76)
Contract assets and liabilities, net	479	18	530	89
Inventory	(35)	(19)	(77)	(101)
Payables and accruals	92	15	131	(12)
Pension contributions	(4)	(35)	(32)	(76)
Deferred income taxes and other	15	(36)	(6)	(322)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>2,556</u>	<u>1,884</u>	<u>6,492</u>	<u>4,995</u>
INVESTING				
Capital expenditures	(741)	(787)	(2,247)	(2,373)
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	-	-	(31)	(41)
Divestitures and asset sales	70	55	147	435
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities	<u>(671)</u>	<u>(732)</u>	<u>(2,131)</u>	<u>(1,979)</u>
FINANCING				
Debt increase (decrease) - net	1,494	(188)	1,808	3,335
Issuances of ordinary shares	7	16	39	41
Purchases of ordinary shares	(1,169)	(202)	(3,251)	(2,030)
Cash dividends - Linde plc shareholders	(546)	(506)	(1,648)	(1,523)
Noncontrolling interest transactions and other	(42)	(53)	(319)	(201)
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	<u>(256)</u>	<u>(933)</u>	<u>(3,371)</u>	<u>(378)</u>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(66)	39	(44)	(139)
Change in cash and cash equivalents	1,563	258	946	2,499
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning-of-period	3,137	4,941	3,754	2,700
Cash and cash equivalents, end-of-period	<u>\$ 4,700</u>	<u>\$ 5,199</u>	<u>\$ 4,700</u>	<u>\$ 5,199</u>

(a) Cost reduction programs and other charges were \$26 million and \$48 million for the quarters ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, and \$222 million and \$428 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. Related cash outflows were \$38 million and \$47 million for the quarters ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, and \$139 million and \$188 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

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SEGMENT INFORMATION
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	Quarter Ended September 30,		Year to Date September 30,	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
SALES				
Americas	\$ 3,091	\$ 2,641	\$ 8,951	\$ 7,735
EMEA	1,911	1,622	5,585	4,703
APAC	1,564	1,484	4,544	4,115
Engineering	601	678	1,921	2,096
Other	501	430	1,494	1,322
Total segment sales	\$ 7,668	\$ 6,855	\$ 22,495	\$ 19,971
OPERATING PROFIT				
Americas	\$ 859	\$ 742	\$ 2,525	\$ 2,025
EMEA	476	370	1,414	1,028
APAC	382	337	1,122	912
Engineering	106	106	323	335
Other	(13)	(40)	(49)	(116)
Segment operating profit	\$ 1,810	\$ 1,515	\$ 5,335	\$ 4,184
Cost reduction programs and other charges	(26)	(48)	(222)	(428)
Purchase accounting impacts - Linde AG	(492)	(498)	(1,466)	(1,463)
Total operating profit	\$ 1,292	\$ 969	\$ 3,647	\$ 2,293

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NON-GAAP MEASURES AND RECONCILIATIONS
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	2021				2020				
	Year to Date September 30,	Q3	Q2	Q1	Year to Date September 30,	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Adjusted Operating Profit and Operating Margin									
Reported operating profit	\$ 3,647	\$ 1,292	\$ 1,142	\$ 1,213	\$ 2,293	\$ 1,029	\$ 969	\$ 591	\$ 733
Add: Cost reduction programs and other charges	222	26	204	(8)	428	78	48	249	131
Add: Purchase accounting impacts - Linde AG (c)	1,466	492	491	483	1,463	506	498	477	488
Total adjustments	1,688	518	695	475	1,891	584	546	726	619
Adjusted operating profit	\$ 5,335	\$ 1,810	\$ 1,837	\$ 1,688	\$ 4,184	\$ 1,613	\$ 1,515	\$ 1,317	\$ 1,352
Reported percentage change	59%	33%	93%	65%	7%		(3)%	(12)%	20%
Adjusted percentage change	28%	19%	39%	25%	7%		9%	-	11%
Reported sales	\$ 22,495	\$ 7,668	\$ 7,584	\$ 7,243	\$ 19,971	\$ 7,272	\$ 6,855	\$ 6,377	\$ 6,739
Reported operating margin	16.2%	16.8%	15.1%	16.7%	11.5%	14.2%	14.1%	9.3%	10.9%
Adjusted operating margin	23.7%	23.6%	24.2%	23.3%	21.0%	22.2%	22.1%	20.7%	20.1%
Adjusted Depreciation and amortization									
Reported depreciation and amortization	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,163	\$ 1,171	\$ 1,166	\$ 3,434	\$ 1,192	\$ 1,168	\$ 1,124	\$ 1,142
Less: Purchase accounting impacts - Linde AG (c)	(1,426)	(469)	(479)	(478)	(1,431)	(489)	(487)	(468)	(476)
Adjusted depreciation and amortization	\$ 2,074	\$ 694	\$ 692	\$ 688	\$ 2,003	\$ 703	\$ 681	\$ 656	\$ 666
Adjusted Other Income (Expense) - net									
Reported Other Income (Expense) - net	\$ (3)	\$ 10	\$ (17)	\$ 4	\$ (14)	\$ (47)	\$ (29)	\$ -	\$ 15
Add: Purchase accounting impacts - Linde AG (c)	(40)	(23)	(12)	(5)	(32)	(17)	(11)	(9)	(12)
Adjusted Other Income (Expense) - net	\$ 37	\$ 33	\$ (5)	\$ 9	\$ 18	\$ (30)	\$ (18)	\$ 9	\$ 27
Adjusted Net Pension and OPEB Cost (Benefit), Excluding Service Cost									
Reported net pension and OPEB cost (benefit), excluding service cost	\$ (143)	\$ (45)	\$ (49)	\$ (49)	\$ (131)	\$ (46)	\$ (41)	\$ (45)	\$ (45)
Add: Pension settlement charges	(4)	(4)	-	-	(6)	-	(6)	-	-
Adjusted Net Pension and OPEB cost (benefit), excluding service costs	\$ (147)	\$ (49)	\$ (49)	\$ (49)	\$ (137)	\$ (46)	\$ (47)	\$ (45)	\$ (45)
Adjusted Interest Expense - Net									
Reported interest expense - net	\$ 46	\$ 8	\$ 18	\$ 20	\$ 80	\$ 35	\$ 38	\$ 18	\$ 24
Add: Purchase accounting impacts - Linde AG (c)	43	10	15	18	67	18	23	22	22
Less: Bond Redemption	-	-	-	-	-	(16)	-	-	-
Total adjustments	43	10	15	18	67	2	23	22	22
Adjusted interest expense - net	\$ 89	\$ 18	\$ 33	\$ 38	\$ 147	\$ 37	\$ 61	\$ 40	\$ 46
Adjusted Income Taxes (a)									
Reported income taxes	\$ 923	\$ 321	\$ 334	\$ 268	\$ 594	\$ 253	\$ 265	\$ 164	\$ 165
Add: Purchase accounting impacts - Linde AG (c)	349	115	116	118	292	107	75	95	122
Add: Pension settlement charges	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Add: Cost reduction programs and other charges	29	3	6	20	110	20	12	62	36
Less: Bond Redemption	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-
Total adjustments	379	119	122	138	403	131	88	157	158
Adjusted income taxes	\$ 1,302	\$ 440	\$ 456	\$ 406	\$ 997	\$ 384	\$ 353	\$ 321	\$ 323
Adjusted Effective Tax Rate (a)									
Reported income before income taxes and equity investments	\$ 3,744	\$ 1,329	\$ 1,173	\$ 1,242	\$ 2,344	\$ 1,040	\$ 972	\$ 618	\$ 754
Add: Pension settlement charge	4	4	-	-	6	-	6	-	-
Add: Purchase accounting impacts - Linde AG (c)	1,423	482	476	465	1,396	488	475	455	466
Add: Cost reduction programs and other charges	222	26	204	(8)	428	78	48	249	131
Less: Bond Redemption	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-
Total adjustments	1,649	512	680	457	1,830	582	529	704	597
Adjusted income before income taxes and equity investments	\$ 5,393	\$ 1,841	\$ 1,853	\$ 1,699	\$ 4,174	\$ 1,622	\$ 1,501	\$ 1,322	\$ 1,351
Reported Income taxes	\$ 923	\$ 321	\$ 334	\$ 268	\$ 594	\$ 253	\$ 265	\$ 164	\$ 165
Reported effective tax rate	24.7%	24.2%	28.5%	21.6%	25.3%	24.3%	27.3%	26.5%	21.9%
Adjusted income taxes	\$ 1,302	\$ 440	\$ 456	\$ 406	\$ 997	\$ 384	\$ 353	\$ 321	\$ 323
Adjusted effective tax rate	24.1%	23.9%	24.6%	23.9%	23.9%	23.7%	23.5%	24.3%	23.9%
Income from Equity Investments									
Reported income from equity investments	\$ 81	\$ 1	\$ 37	\$ 43	\$ 69	\$ 16	\$ 23	\$ 29	\$ 17
Add: Cost reduction programs and other charges (e)	35	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Add: Purchase accounting impacts - Linde AG (c)	57	19	19	19	42	15	14	14	14
Adjusted income from equity investments	\$ 173	\$ 55	\$ 56	\$ 62	\$ 111	\$ 31	\$ 37	\$ 43	\$ 31
Adjusted Noncontrolling Interests from Continuing Operations									
Reported noncontrolling interests from continuing operations	\$ (105)	\$ (31)	\$ (36)	\$ (38)	\$ (91)	\$ (34)	\$ (31)	\$ (25)	\$ (35)
Add: Cost reduction programs and other charges	-	-	-	-	-	(4)	-	-	-
Add: Purchase accounting impacts - Linde AG (c)	(11)	(4)	(2)	(5)	(43)	(14)	(14)	(14)	(15)
Total adjustments	(11)	(4)	(2)	(5)	(43)	(18)	(14)	(14)	(15)
Adjusted noncontrolling interests from continuing operations	\$ (116)	\$ (35)	\$ (38)	\$ (43)	\$ (134)	\$ (52)	\$ (45)	\$ (39)	\$ (50)

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	2021				2020				
	Year to Date September 30,	Q3	Q2	Q1	Year to Date September 30,	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Adjusted Income from Continuing Operations (b)									
Reported income from continuing operations	\$ 2,797	\$ 978	\$ 840	\$ 979	\$ 1,728	\$ 769	\$ 699	\$ 458	\$ 571
Add: Pension settlement charge	3	3	-	-	5	-	5	-	-
Add: Cost reduction programs and other charges	228	58	198	(28)	318	54	36	187	95
Less: Bond redemption	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-
Add: Purchase accounting impacts - Linde AG (c)	1,120	382	377	361	1,103	382	400	360	343
Total adjustments	1,351	443	575	333	1,426	448	441	547	438
Adjusted income from continuing operations	\$ 4,148	\$ 1,421	\$ 1,415	\$ 1,312	\$ 3,154	\$ 1,217	\$ 1,140	\$ 1,005	\$ 1,009
Adjusted Diluted EPS from Continuing Operations (b)									
Reported diluted EPS from continuing operations	\$ 5.34	\$ 1.88	\$ 1.60	\$ 1.86	\$ 3.25	\$ 1.45	\$ 1.32	\$ 0.87	\$ 1.07
Add: Pension settlement charge	0.01	0.01	-	-	0.01	-	0.01	-	-
Add: Cost reduction programs and other charges	0.44	0.11	0.38	(0.05)	0.60	0.10	0.07	0.35	0.18
Less: Bond Redemption	-	-	-	-	-	0.02	-	-	-
Add: Purchase accounting impacts - Linde AG	2.13	0.73	0.72	0.68	2.07	0.73	0.75	0.68	0.64
Total adjustments	2.58	0.85	1.10	0.63	2.68	0.85	0.83	1.03	0.82
Adjusted diluted EPS from continuing operations	\$ 7.92	\$ 2.73	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.49	\$ 5.93	\$ 2.30	\$ 2.15	\$ 1.90	\$ 1.89
Reported percentage change	64 %	42 %	84 %	74 %	6 %	54 %	(1)%	(7)%	35 %
Adjusted percentage change	34 %	27 %	42 %	32 %	9 %	22 %	11 %	4 %	12 %
Adjusted Diluted EPS from Continuing Operations Guidance (d)									
		Fourth Quarter 2021			Full Year 2021				
		Low End	High End		Low End	High End			
2021 Adjusted Guidance	\$	2.60	\$	2.70	\$	10.52	\$	10.62	
Adjusted percentage changes versus 2020 adjusted diluted EPS		13 %		17 %		28 %		29 %	
Adjusted EBITDA and % of Sales									
Income from continuing operations	\$ 2,797	\$ 978	\$ 840	\$ 979	\$ 1,728	\$ 769	\$ 699	\$ 458	\$ 571
Add: Noncontrolling interests related to continuing operations	105	31	36	38	91	34	31	25	35
Add: Net pension and OPEB cost (benefit), excluding service cost	(143)	(45)	(49)	(49)	(131)	(46)	(41)	(45)	(45)
Add: Interest expense	46	8	18	20	80	35	38	18	24
Add: Income taxes	923	321	334	268	594	253	265	164	165
Add: Depreciation and amortization	3,500	1,163	1,171	1,166	3,434	1,192	1,168	1,124	1,142
EBITDA from continuing operations	7,228	2,456	2,350	2,422	5,796	2,237	2,160	1,744	1,892
Add: Cost reduction programs and other charges	257	61	204	(8)	428	78	48	249	131
Add: Purchase accounting impacts - Linde AG	97	42	31	24	74	32	25	23	26
Total adjustments	354	103	235	16	502	110	73	272	157
Adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations	\$ 7,582	\$ 2,559	\$ 2,585	\$ 2,438	\$ 6,298	\$ 2,347	\$ 2,233	\$ 2,016	\$ 2,049
Reported sales	\$ 22,495	\$ 7,668	\$ 7,584	\$ 7,243	\$ 19,971	\$ 7,272	\$ 6,855	\$ 6,377	\$ 6,739
% of sales									
EBITDA from continuing operations	32.1 %	32.0 %	31.0 %	33.4 %	29.0 %	30.8 %	31.5 %	27.3 %	28.1 %
Adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations	33.7 %	33.4 %	34.1 %	33.7 %	31.5 %	32.3 %	32.6 %	31.6 %	30.4 %

(a) The income tax expense (benefit) on the non-GAAP pre-tax adjustments was determined using the applicable tax rates for the jurisdictions that were utilized in calculating the GAAP income tax expense (benefit) and included both current and deferred income tax amounts.

(b) Net of income taxes which are shown separately in "Adjusted Income Taxes and Effective Tax Rate".

(c) The company believes that its non-GAAP measures excluding Purchase accounting impacts - Linde AG are useful to investors because: (i) the business combination was a merger of equals in an all-stock merger transaction, with no cash consideration, (ii) the company is managed on a geographic basis and the results of certain geographies are more heavily impacted by purchase accounting than others, causing results that are not comparable at the reportable segment level, therefore, the impacts of purchasing accounting adjustments to each segment vary and are not comparable within the company and when compared to other companies in similar regions, (iii) business management is evaluated and variable compensation is determined based on results excluding purchase accounting impacts, and; (iv) it is important to investors and analysts to understand the purchase accounting impacts to the financial statements.

A summary of each of the adjustments made for Purchase accounting impacts - Linde AG are as follows:

Adjusted Operating Profit and Margin: The purchase accounting adjustments for the periods presented relate primarily to depreciation and amortization related to the fair value step up of fixed assets and intangible assets (primarily customer related) acquired in the merger and the allocation of fair value step-up for ongoing Linde AG asset disposals (reflected in Other Income/(Expense)).

Adjusted Interest Expense - Net: Relates to the amortization of the fair value of debt acquired in the merger.

Adjusted Income Taxes and Effective Tax Rate: Relates to the current and deferred income tax impact on the adjustments discussed above. The income tax expense (benefit) on the non-GAAP pre-tax adjustments was determined using the applicable tax rates for the jurisdictions that were utilized in calculating the GAAP income tax expense (benefit) and included both current and deferred income tax amounts.

Adjusted Income from Equity Investments: Represents the amortization of increased fair value on equity investments related to depreciable and amortizable assets.

Adjusted Noncontrolling Interests from Continuing Operations: Represents the noncontrolling interests' ownership portion of the adjustments described above determined on an entity by entity basis.

(d) We are providing adjusted earnings per share ("EPS") guidance for 2021. This is a non-GAAP financial measure that represents diluted earnings per share from continuing operations (a GAAP measure) but excludes the impact of certain items that we believe are not representative of our underlying business performance, such as cost reduction and other charges, the impact of potential divestitures or other potentially significant items. Given the uncertainty of timing and magnitude of such items, we cannot provide a reconciliation of the differences between the non-GAAP adjusted EPS guidance and the corresponding GAAP EPS measure without unreasonable effort.

(e) Impairment charge related to a joint venture in the APAC segment.

LINDE PLC AND SUBSIDIARIES
APPENDIX
NON-GAAP MEASURES AND RECONCILIATIONS
(Millions of dollars)
(UNAUDITED)

	2021			2020			2019				
	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Free Cash Flow (FCF) - Free cash flow is a measure used by investors, financial analysts and management to evaluate the ability of a company to pursue opportunities that enhance shareholder value. FCF equals cash flow from operations less capital expenditures.											
Operating Cash Flow	\$ 2,556	\$ 1,827	\$ 2,109	\$ 2,434	\$ 1,884	\$ 1,764	\$ 1,347	\$ 2,174	\$ 1,872	\$ 1,005	\$ 1,068
Less: Capital Expenditures	(741)	(744)	(762)	(1,027)	(787)	(783)	(803)	(1,015)	(959)	(865)	(843)
Free Cash Flow	\$ 1,815	\$ 1,083	\$ 1,347	\$ 1,407	\$ 1,097	\$ 981	\$ 544	\$ 1,159	\$ 913	\$ 140	\$ 225
Net Debt - Net debt is a financial liquidity metric used by investors, financial analysts and management to evaluate the ability of a company to repay its debt and is calculated as total debt (excluding purchase accounting impacts) less liquid assets.											
Debt	\$ 16,727	\$ 15,492	\$ 15,750	\$ 16,154	\$ 17,803	\$ 17,480	\$ 16,875	\$ 13,956	\$ 13,201	\$ 13,957	\$ 14,146
Less: Cash and cash equivalents	(4,700)	(3,137)	(4,096)	(3,754)	(5,199)	(4,941)	(4,014)	(2,700)	(2,120)	(2,686)	(5,791)
Net debt	12,027	12,355	11,654	12,400	12,604	12,539	12,861	11,256	11,081	11,271	8,355
Less: Purchase accounting impacts - Linde AG	(72)	(84)	(98)	(121)	(133)	(150)	(170)	(195)	(211)	(243)	(262)
Adjusted net debt	\$ 11,955	\$ 12,271	\$ 11,556	\$ 12,279	\$ 12,471	\$ 12,389	\$ 12,691	\$ 11,061	\$ 10,870	\$ 11,028	\$ 8,093
Less: Net assets held for sale	(1)	(1)	(4)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(115)	(123)	(223)	(272)	(1,629)
Adjusted net debt less net assets held for sale	\$ 11,954	\$ 12,270	\$ 11,552	\$ 12,276	\$ 12,469	\$ 12,387	\$ 12,576	\$ 10,938	\$ 10,647	\$ 10,756	\$ 6,464
After-tax Return on Capital and Adjusted After-tax Return on Capital (ROC) - After-tax return on capital is a measure used by investors, financial analysts and management to evaluate the return on net assets employed in the business. ROC measures the after-tax operating profit that the company was able to generate with the investments made by all parties in the business (debt, noncontrolling interests and Linde plc shareholders' equity).											
Reported income from continuing operations	\$ 978	\$ 840	\$ 979	\$ 769	\$ 699	\$ 458	\$ 571	\$ 507	\$ 728	\$ 513	\$ 435
Add: noncontrolling interests from continuing operations	31	36	38	34	31	25	35	27	3	29	30
Add: interest expense - net	8	18	20	35	38	18	24	8	(3)	10	23
Less: tax benefit on interest expense - net *	(2)	(5)	(5)	(9)	(10)	(5)	(6)	(2)	1	(3)	(6)
Reported NOPAT	\$ 1,015	\$ 889	\$ 1,032	\$ 829	\$ 758	\$ 496	\$ 624	\$ 540	\$ 729	\$ 549	\$ 482
Adjusted income from continuing operations	\$ 1,421	\$ 1,415	\$ 1,312	\$ 1,217	\$ 1,140	\$ 1,005	\$ 1,009	\$ 1,024	\$ 1,052	\$ 1,000	\$ 927
Add: adjusted noncontrolling interests from continuing operations	35	38	43	52	45	39	50	41	46	46	45
Add: adjusted interest expense - net	18	33	38	37	61	40	46	30	19	35	50
Less: tax benefit on interest expense - net *	(5)	(8)	(10)	(9)	(15)	(10)	(12)	(7)	(5)	(9)	(13)
Adjusted NOPAT	\$ 1,469	\$ 1,476	\$ 1,383	\$ 1,297	\$ 1,231	\$ 1,074	\$ 1,093	\$ 1,088	\$ 1,112	\$ 1,072	\$ 1,009
4-quarter trailing reported NOPAT	\$ 3,765	\$ 3,508	\$ 3,115	\$ 2,707	\$ 2,418	\$ 2,389	\$ 2,442	\$ 2,300			
4-quarter trailing adjusted NOPAT	\$ 5,627	\$ 5,389	\$ 4,985	\$ 4,695	\$ 4,486	\$ 4,367	\$ 4,365	\$ 4,281			
Equity and redeemable noncontrolling interests:											
Redeemable noncontrolling interests	\$ 13	\$ 13	\$ 13	\$ 13	\$ 13	\$ 13	\$ 92	\$ 113	\$ 14	\$ 15	\$ 15
Linde plc shareholders' equity	44,323	45,777	46,210	47,317	46,175	45,537	44,776	49,074	48,953	50,564	51,175
Noncontrolling interests	1,401	1,438	1,410	2,252	2,404	2,387	2,375	2,448	2,341	2,315	5,457
Total equity and redeemable noncontrolling interests	\$ 45,737	\$ 47,228	\$ 47,633	\$ 49,582	\$ 48,592	\$ 47,937	\$ 47,243	\$ 51,635	\$ 51,308	\$ 52,894	\$ 56,647
Reported capital	\$ 57,763	\$ 59,582	\$ 59,283	\$ 61,979	\$ 61,194	\$ 60,474	\$ 59,989	\$ 62,768	\$ 62,166	\$ 63,893	\$ 63,373
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Add: Adjusted net debt less net assets held for sale	11,954	12,270	11,552	12,276	12,469	12,387	12,576	10,938	10,647	10,756	6,464
Less: Linde AG Goodwill (a)	24,256	24,256	24,256	24,256	24,256	24,256	24,256	24,256	24,197	24,197	24,197
Less: Linde AG Indefinite lived intangibles (a)	1,868	1,868	1,868	1,868	1,868	1,868	1,868	1,868	1,868	1,868	1,868
Adjusted capital	\$ 31,567	\$ 33,374	\$ 33,061	\$ 35,734	\$ 34,937	\$ 34,200	\$ 33,695	\$ 36,449	\$ 35,890	\$ 37,585	\$ 37,046
(a) Represent opening balance sheet purchase accounting impacts of non-amortizing assets related to the Linde AG merger.											
Ending capital (see above)	\$ 57,763	\$ 59,582	\$ 59,283	\$ 61,979	\$ 61,194	\$ 60,474	\$ 59,989				
5-quarter average ending capital	\$ 59,960	\$ 60,502	\$ 60,584	\$ 61,281	\$ 61,318	\$ 61,858	\$ 62,438				
Ending adjusted capital (see above)	\$ 31,567	\$ 33,374	\$ 33,061	\$ 35,734	\$ 34,937	\$ 34,200	\$ 33,695				
5-quarter average ending adjusted capital	\$ 33,735	\$ 34,261	\$ 34,325	\$ 35,003	\$ 35,034	\$ 35,564	\$ 36,133				
After-tax ROC (4 quarter reported NOPAT / 5-quarter average ending capital)	6.3 %	5.8 %	5.1 %	4.4 %	3.9 %	3.9 %	3.9 %				
Adjusted after-tax ROC (4 quarter trailing adjusted NOPAT / 5-quarter average ending adjusted capital)	16.7 %	15.7 %	14.5 %	13.4 %	12.8 %	12.3 %	12.1 %				

* Tax benefit on interest expense - net is generally presented using the reported effective rate.