

# **Pre-Q1 2021 Sales Communication**

Air Liquide has compiled the following items for consideration to assist in the financial modeling of the Group Q1 2021 sales. This document is not intended to provide additional information beyond existing disclosures.

## • Significant perimeter impact

As of July 1st 2020, two operations generate a scope impact qualified as "significant perimeter":

- the deconsolidation of **Schülke** activities from Healthcare sales, following its divestiture closed in August 2020.
- the reduction of Air Liquide's participation under the controlling threshold in **reseller affiliates in Japan**, as part of its portfolio management strategy, impacting Industrial Merchant, Electronics and Healthcare sales.

The total impact for significant perimeter expected in Q1 2021, as well as a recall for Q4 2020 are summarized in the table below:

Sales	Q4 2020	Q1 2021
Schülke (m€)	-89	-117
Reseller affiliate in Japan (m€)	-26	-29
Total (€m)	-115	-146
% at Group Level	-2.1%	-2.7%

## Currency impact

Main currency variations (from the largest to the smallest impact on Group sales in Q1 2021):

€ versus	Q1 2020	Q1 2021	Change
US Dollar	1.102	1.205	+9.4%
Brazilian Real	4.887	6.591	+35%
Argentina Peso	68.71	107.47	+56%
Japanese Yen	0.120	0.128	+6.4%

In Q4 2020, the currency impact was -4.5% and -4.7% on Group and Gas & Services revenue respectively. For Q1 2021, it is expected to be **approximately <5%>** on Group and Gas & Services revenue.

## • Energy pass-through impact

In Q4 2020, the Energy pass-through effect was -0.5% on Group and Gas & Services revenue. It is expected to be **between +3.0% and +3.5%** on Group and Gas & Services revenue in **Q1 2021**.

#### Business items

Context: as a reminder, lockdowns in China started in Q1 2020, while the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in Europe began mid March 2020.

In February 2021, a winter ice storm hit Texas in the US and impacted the local activity for 2 to 3 weeks depending on the units.

Activity highlights are detailed below by business line, based on information provided during the FY 2020 results announcement.

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Q4 2020 sales enjoyed a marked recovery across all regions and all business lines in a context of local lockdowns.

- Large Industries sales reached +4.7% in Q4 2020, back to growth in all regions, with an increase of air gases and hydrogen volumes compared to Q4 2019. In Europe, signs of recovery were noted in Chemicals and Steel driven by automotive; Refining was low; Q4 growth benefited from a one-off sale in Russia. Americas posted a sequential improvement in air gases volumes and benefitted from a start-up in Argentina as well as from the comparison basis with Q4 2019 marked by customer maintenances. In Asia, sales in China were impacted by customer turnarounds, while volumes were high in Singapore and Korea.
- Industrial Merchant posted -3.2% in Q4 2020, reflecting a progressive recovery in all regions. Pricing remained solid at +2.2%, including a gradual decline of helium contribution. In North America, the progressive recovery continued especially in cylinders, with growing Food and Pharmaceuticals markets, improved Metal Fabrication while Construction was still soft; South America enjoyed growing sales. In Europe, the recovery was solid in Q4, balanced between cylinders and bulk; Eastern Europe was dynamic. Asia was back to growth, driven by volumes and a strong China, with an improving activity in the rest of Asia.
- Healthcare remains fully committed to fight the COVID-19 pandemic posting sales growth of +8.1% in Q4 2020, thanks to continued strong demand in Medical gases and Equipment, recovering proximity care and elective surgeries in the U.S., and HHC sales growth driven by diabetes in Europe.
- Electronics sales growth reached +5.7% in Q4 2020, slightly lower than in Q3 2020, driven by a continuous momentum in Carrier Gases. Equipment and Installations sales were stable compared to Q4 2019.
- Engineering & Construction consolidated revenue increased substantially in Q4 2020 to €86m, +24.1%, driven by the sale of technology licenses and the progress of major third-party projects.
- Global Markets & Technologies revenue totaled €187m in Q4 2020, +5.9%, driven by a strong biogas activity.

Q1 2021 sales will be announced on April 23, 2021.

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