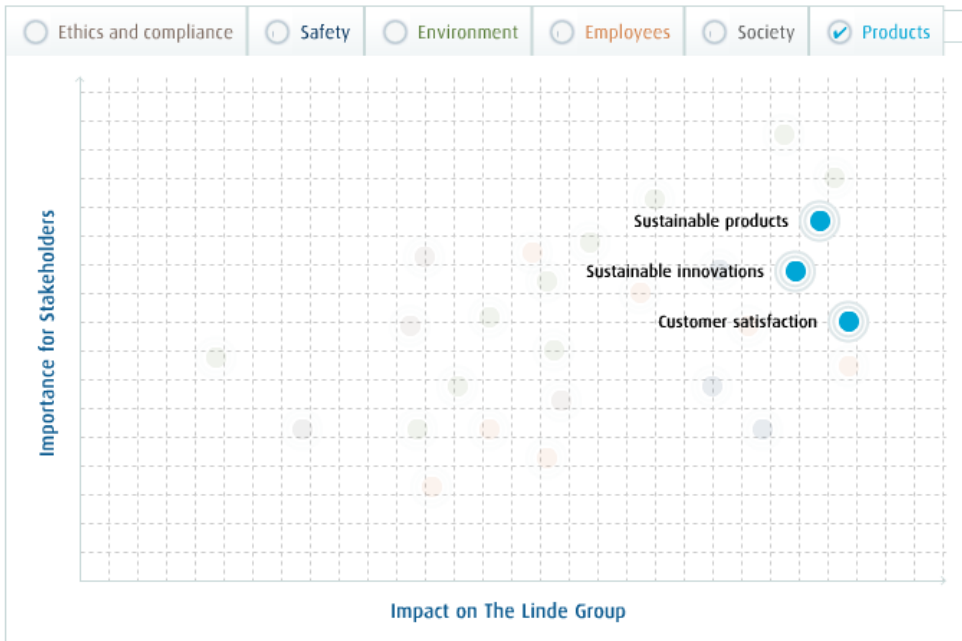




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Products for a sustainable future

We are committed to solutions that unite the goals of customer value and sustainable development. These include technologies aimed at reducing the current environmental impact of fossil fuels and reducing CO₂ emissions, as well as products for protecting water resources and contributing to improved healthcare.

As the world's population increases, so too does demand for environmentally friendly technologies and solutions that have the ability, for instance, to secure energy supplies, purify drinking water and optimise healthcare delivery. We have prioritised three megatrends and intend to align our business activities increasingly with those. Within each of these focus areas, we make an active contribution to the goals of sustainable development with our products and technologies.

1. Energy and the environment: Our portfolio already includes numerous products and technologies that help our customers minimise their environmental footprint. We focus on climate protection, energy efficiency, the efficient use of resources, as well as on the responsible management of water resources.

2. Healthcare: Ageing populations and the growing prevalence of chronic diseases are opening up new growth markets for us as a leading supplier of healthcare products. Our portfolio of medical gases supports the treatment of chronic diseases and helps to ease some of the pressure caused by rising treatment costs and over-burdened health systems.

3. Emerging economies: Linde is already very well-positioned in the fast-growing economies. Asia and the Middle East alone already account for almost half of our Engineering Division's contract wins. We are helping to satisfy the emerging economies' rising demands for energy and environmental technologies as well as for high-quality medical care.

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