Gas Natural Group - Year 2003 Results

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Highlights (I)



- Net income of €568 million, which represents an increase of 10.1% with Enagas considered on a homogeneous basis (under equity method, no capital gains from sale and lower financial expenses due to the lower debt as a result of this sale).
- EBITDA for the year of €1,202 million, which on a like for like basis, represents a 12.6% growth.
- EBITDA from business in the Americas +13.6% annually YOY despite falling exchange rates in the region. Gas sales +7.3% and TPA +13.8% showing strong performance in the area.
- Electricity business continues to grow with an EBITDA of €53m, representing 4.4% of total.

Highlights (II)



- Cumulative net financial results favoured by lower interest expenses and especially by the revaluation of the Argentinean peso.
- Group gas sales in Spain +0.8% vs total market +12.3%. Total gas market share in Spain of 65%.
- Total customer base grows 7.7% against year end 2002 to 8.7 million (4.5 million Spain and 4.2 million in the Americas).
- Gas sales in Italy: 3,135 GWh.

Significant Events in 4Q03



- Acquisition of 47.5% of Ecoeléctrica (and 50% of voting rights) in October.
- Construction of Cartagena CCGT (1,200 MW) commenced in December 2003.
- Payment of interim dividend of 21.25 Euro cent per share on 12 January (+25%).
- Acquisition of Brancato Group in Italy on 13 January for around €100m with 93,000 distribution customers.
- MOU signed in Qatar for a 20-year 2 bcm p.a. supply agreement from 2005.
- On 19 January, 2004, approval of regulated remuneration for distribution in 2004: +6% to €928m.

FY03 Consolidated Results



	FY03	FY02	FY02 (1)	Change (1)
Net sales	5,628.0	5,267.9	5,100.8	3.4%
EBITDA	1,201.7	1,366.0	1,201.1	-
EBIT	799.0	906.7	803.5	-0.6%
Net income	568.5	805.9	516.2	10.1%
Net cash flow	856.8	909.5	814.5	5.2%
Average no. of shares (million)	447.8	447.8	447.8	-
EBITDA per share (€)	2.7	3.1	2.7	-
Net income per share (€)	1.3	1.8	1.2	10.1%
Net cash flow per share (€)	1.9	2.0	1.8	5.2%
Investments:	1,361.3	1,067.0	987.0	37.9%
Tangible	778.3	858.1	782.3	-0.5%
Other	583.0	208.9	204.7	-
Net debt (as of 31/12)	1,869.2	1,627.0	1,627.0	14.5%

(€Million)

⁽¹⁾ Proforma results with Enagás consolidated under equity method and excluding capital gains and lower financial expenses

EBITDA Analysis



			FY02 (1)			FY03 (2)		
	FY02	Adj. ⁽¹⁾	Proforma	a FY03	Adj. ⁽²⁾ I	Proforma	Chge (%	ر ₍₃₎
Gas distribution	660.9	-91.5	569.4	660.0	-	660.0	15.9	
Supply	47.0	-	47.0	24.1	-	24.1	-48.7	
Power generation & trading	8.1	-	8.1	53.0	-	53.0	-	
Gas trading & transport	312.3	-25.3	287.0	272.4	-	272.4	-5.1	
Americas	141.1	-28.5	112.6	160.3	-12.9	147.4	30.9	
Other	31.8	-	31.8	31.9	-	31.9	-	
Group EBITDA w/o Enagas	1,201.1	-145.3	1,055.8	1,201.7	-12.9	1,188.8	12.6	
Enagás	164.9	-	164.9	-	-	-	-	
Group EBITDA	1,366.0	-	1,220.7	1,201.7	-	1,188.8	-	

(€Million)

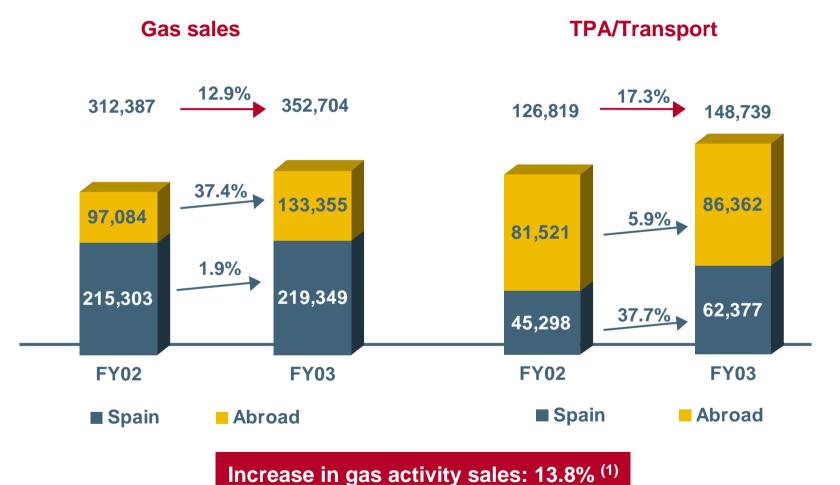
⁽¹⁾ Proforma results adjusted for effects of previous regulation and for using homogeneous exchange rates for foreign subsidiaries in the consolidation process

⁽²⁾ Proforma results adjusted for changes in the consolidation perimeter

⁽³⁾ Change FY03 proforma vs FY02 proforma

Operational Highlights - Gas Activity (GWh)

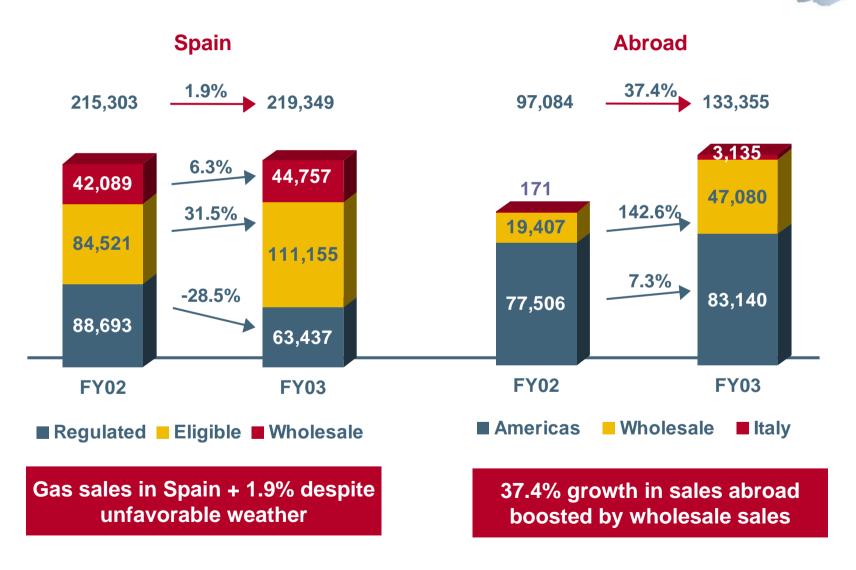




⁽¹⁾ Excluding 25% of Algerian contract that is included in gas sales and transport in Spain

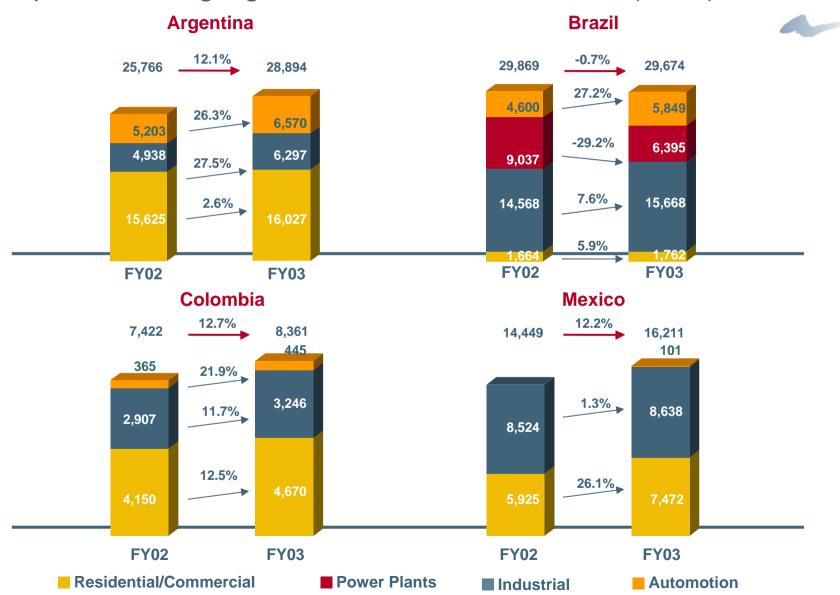
Operational Highlights - Gas Sales (GWh)





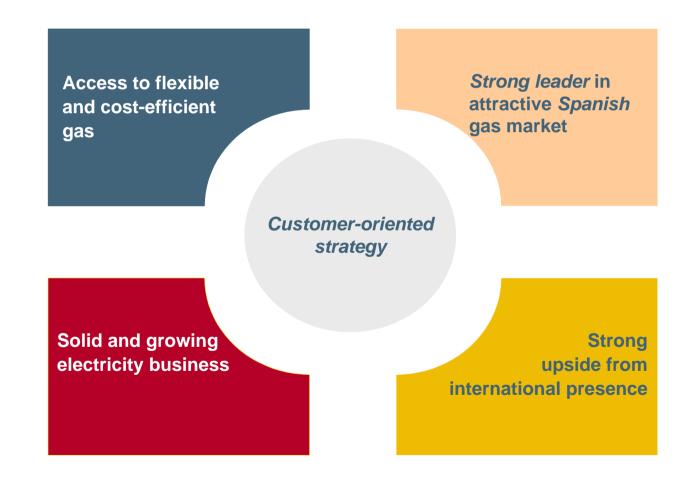


Operational Highlights - Gas Sales in Americas (GWh)



Delivering the Strategy





Delivering the Strategy - Gas Trading and Transport

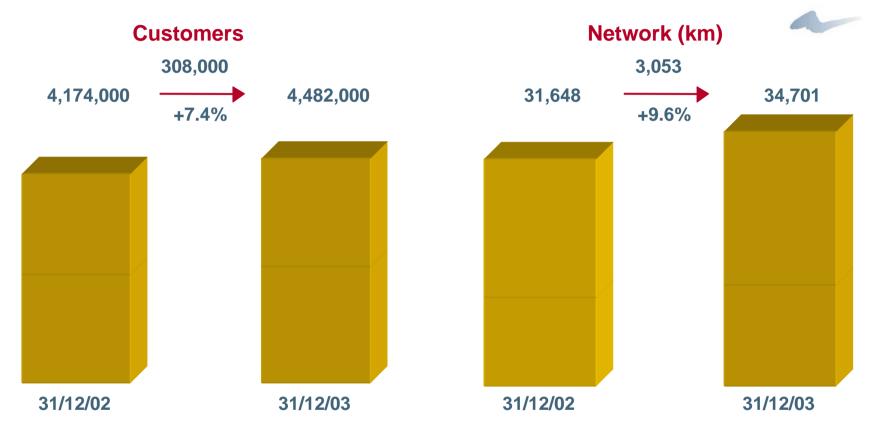


- Works under progress to expand the capacity of the Maghreb-Europe gas pipeline by 50%, to 11.7 bcm per year:
 - Investment to date: \$43 million (\$30 million in 2003).
 - Deadline for completion: 4Q04.
- Delivery of 2 new LNG carriers, each with a 138,000 m3 capacity, thereby adapting the fleet to new origins that require larger and faster vessels.
- Total volume of gas contracts: 30.1 bcm.
- New supply contract signed: 2.1 bcm T&T.
- MOU for 2 bcm 20-year contract signed with Qatar.
- LNG Flows: 14.4 bcm (last 12 months) → 18 bcm by 2007.

Emphasis on expanding and diversifying sources of supply







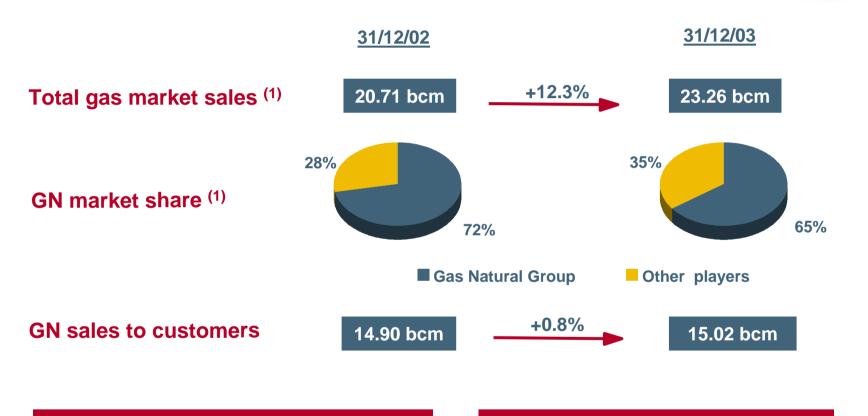
In line with targeted figure of 1.7m new customers for 2003-07

Selective network expansion.

Commitment to progressive efficiency improvements

Delivering the Strategy - Customers





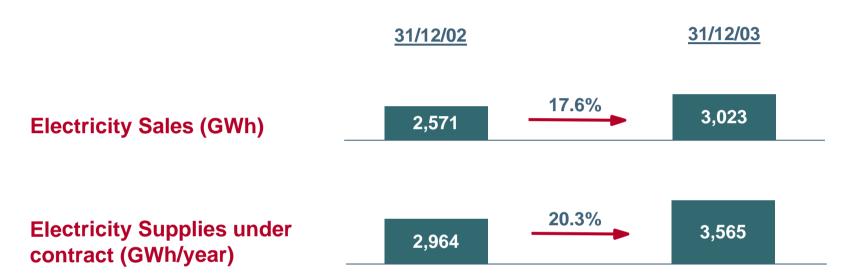
160,000 eligible residential gas customers

Market share within levels set by law

⁽¹⁾ GN estimates

Delivering the Strategy - Customers

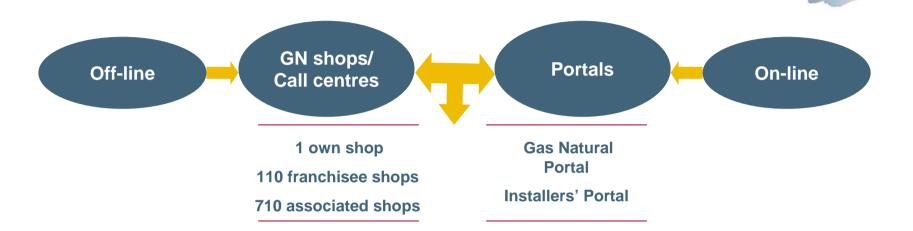




Close to 5% market share in liberalised electricity market

Delivering the Strategy - Customers





Integrated services to households (FY03)

Net increase in maintenance contracts	232,900
Central heating installations	47,700
Gas appliance sales	45,000
Total services and products at 31/12	1,263,000
Number of contracts per customer	1.28

In line with target of 2 contracts per customer by 2007

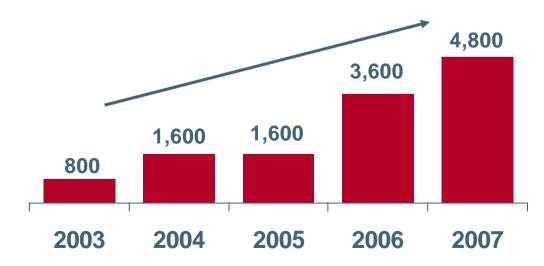
Delivering the Strategy - Electricity Generation in Spain



Generation capacity in CCGTs

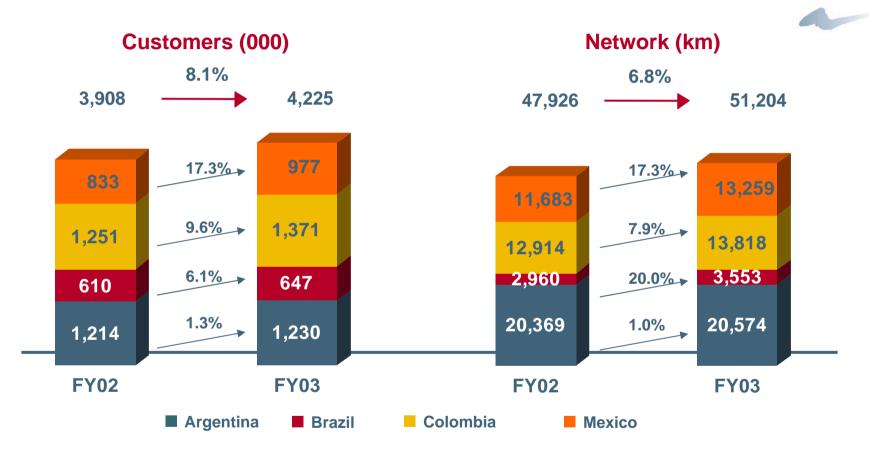
- 800 MW operational (San Roque and Besós).
- 2,000 MW under construction (1,200 MW Cartagena, 800 MW Arrúbal).
- 800 MW pending final permits (Tarragona).
- Other projects under permits (800 MW Barcelona, 400 MW Málaga), all of them with capacity reserve.

Planned commissioning of CCGTs (MW)



Delivering the Strategy - Americas





In line with targeted figure of 1.8m new customers for 2003-07

Balanced expansion in Americas with main focus on Mexico and Brazil

Delivering the Strategy - International Expansion

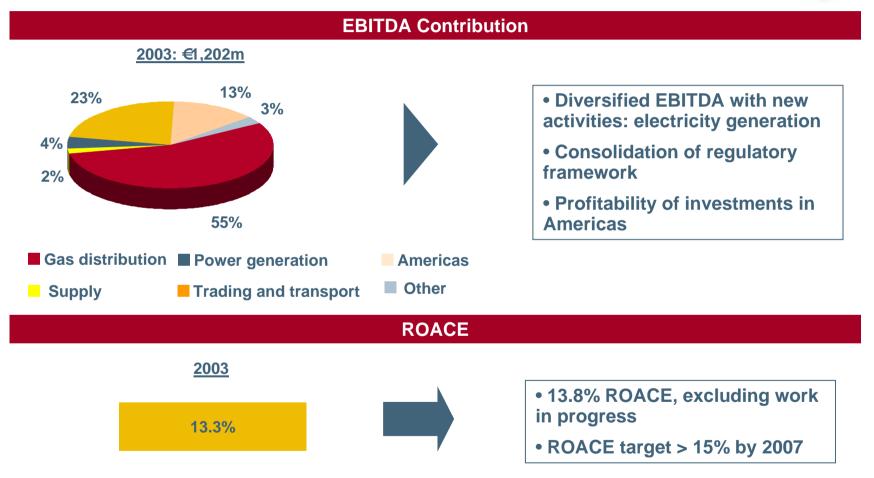


- New market: Italy supply, with gas sales of 3,135 GWh in 2003.
- Entry in Puerto Rico, a market with growth potential:
 - 542 MW CCGT plant.
 - O&M contract.
 - 20-year tolling agreement.
 - Positive contribution from year 1. Figures for FY03 show contribution from only 2 months.
- Brancato: entry into Italian gas distribution market:
 - 93,000 gas distribution customers in southern Italy, with growth potential of 50,000.
 - Aiming at increasing customer base to 300,000 by year end 2004.

Financial Review - EBITDA and ROACE







Through more than 10% CAGR in net profit (1)

Financial Review - Capital Expenditure

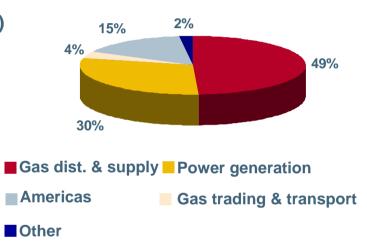




Tangible investments in FY03 (*)

	FY03	FY02	Change (%)
Gas distribution & cust.	383.2	412.4	-7.1
Power generation & trading	230.0	228.7	0.6
Gas trading & transport	30.2	12.2	-
Americas	119.2	111.4	7.0
Other	15.7	17.6	-10.8
Total	778.3	782.3	-0.5

By activity



(€Million)

Selective investment in core business

Investments set basis for future generation of profits

Americas by country

Mexico	71.8
Colombia	13.4
Brazil	29.7
Argentina	4.3
Total	119.2

(*) Excluding Enagás





Financial ratios

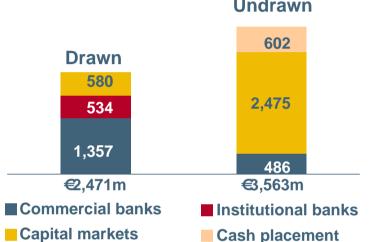
Debt facilities as of Dec 31, 2003

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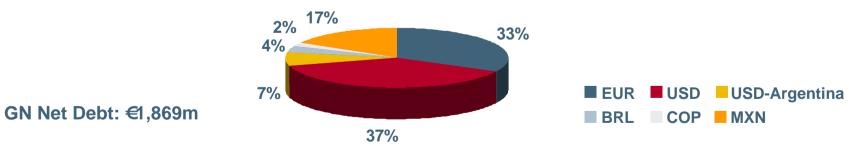
	31/12/03	31/12/02
EBITDA/Net interest ⁽¹⁾	14.5x	13.4x
Net Debt/EBITDA	1.6x	1.2x
Leverage ⁽²⁾	29.3%	28.0%

⁽¹⁾ Excluding FX provision for Argentina

⁽²⁾ Net Debt / (Net debt+Minorities+Shareholders' Equity)



Net debt by currencies as of Dec 31, 2003



Conclusions (I) – Delivering the Strategy



- Diversifying sources: new contract (2.1 bcm), 2 new LNG tankers to adapt the fleet to new origins requiring larger and faster vessels.
- Building generation capacity: 800MW operational and 2,000MW in construction.
- Growth in total customer base to 8.7 million and 1.3 contracts per customer in Spain.
- 308,000 new gas customers in Spain. Market share of 65% of Spanish gas (regulated and eligible).
- Strong performance in Americas evidences recovery of market and materialisation of high growth prospects.
- International expansion: Puerto Rico, Italy.







Ongoing stability of regulatory framework

Reinvestment risk

Main focus on organic growth

Falling market share

 Set by law. Market with healthy growth prospects

 Unbalanced generation asset pool Efficiency of CCGTs. Part of gas value chain

 Aggressive growth targets for electricity

 5% of liberalised market achieved to date

Inefficient capital structure

Increased dividend payout

Conclusions (III)



Reaffirming our Customer-Oriented Strategy

Core Business: A Clear and Well-Articulated Strategy

Leader in Spanish gas: solid customer base, efficient portfolio of supply contracts, unrivalled know-how

Established Americas operations providing growth upside

Flexible Balance Sheet; Strong Financial Discipline

Financial flexibility to pursue opportunities and remunerate shareholders

New Businesses: Leveraging on Our Competitive Advantages

Electricity strategy aligned with market needs and gas vocation.

European expansion limited to opportunities where GN can create and add value

Gas Natural:
Delivering Value
Through Efficient
Growth

Financial Performance: Solid Track-Record, Strong Future Prospects

Fast-growing and increasingly diversified EBITDA (CAGR ~ 14%)

ROACE target > 15%

Net income growth (CAGR >10%)

Material dividend payout upside

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