



## CASE STUDY - LINDE GROUP



# MOVING TO A SINGLE SYSTEM FOR GLOBAL EHS DATA MANAGEMENT



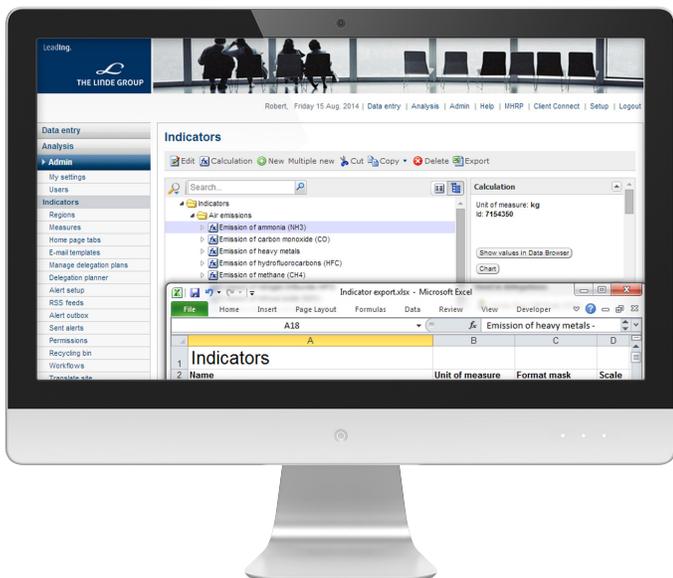
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Andrew Owen  
SHEQ Performance Manager, The Linde Group



## THE CHALLENGE

In 2006, Linde AG merged with The BOC Group to form The Linde Group (Linde), a leading gases and engineering company with almost 48,000 employees working in more than 100 countries worldwide. Following the merger, Linde needed the capability to collect and analyze data from hundreds of global reporting centers. Changes in data also had to be seamlessly and quickly updated while maintaining an audit trail. The Linde CR managers realized that the systems that tracked CR and sustainability data were becoming out of date. It was time to look for a new system that would be a fresh tool to help measure their sustainability data.

## THE SOLUTION

The Linde Group evaluated several offerings and decided that cr360 was their best option. As Andrew Owen, Performance Manager, SHEQ, explains, *“cr360 was the most cost-effective option, but the factor that*

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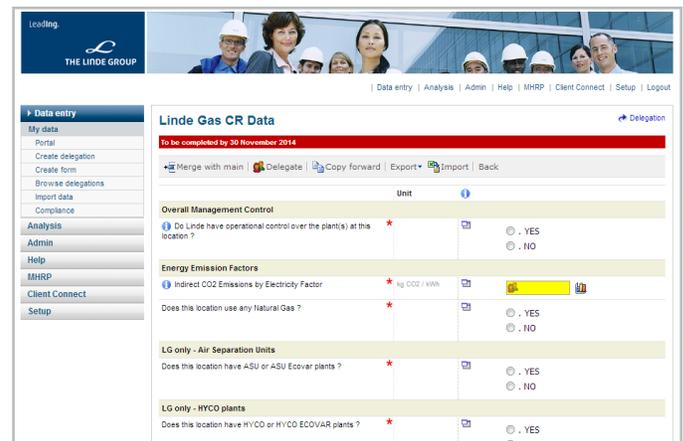
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*impressed us most was that cr360 was so much simpler to use and clearer in its display than the other systems”.*

Implementation was another concern for Linde. It was critical that the system was easy to implement on a global scale so data could be captured in every country where the company operated. The intuitive design of the cr360 system made implementation lightening fast.

- Approximately 700 locations were introduced to the system on a single phone call to eight managers who in turn cascaded the information down through the company. Implementation for each location took less than 15 minutes.
- When KPMG audited The Linde Group, they were astounded to learn that almost 95% of the company was tracking sustainability data, at the very high end of peer companies.



## KEY BENEFITS

- cr360's easy onboarding and outstanding customer service translates into more time for CR managers to execute policy instead of chasing data.
- Secure data collection from around the world supports external verification and improves transparency.
- Export to Excel feature offers CR managers an important tool to compare and contrast results for each location.

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