CASE STUDY:

System Divestiture Increasing Compliance During Merger

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Linde Gas partnered with Auritas to navigate the complexities of a merger with Air Gas while addressing regulatory requirements and data archiving challenges. Auritas developed a secure and **efficient strategy**, reviewing granular document details, obfuscating sensitive data, and conducting rigorous testing to ensure only necessary information was accessible. The project resulted in the implementation of **robust access controls, secure environments,** and seamless **divestiture of assets,** all while maintaining full **compliance and confidentiality.**

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THE LINDE GROUP

Linde Gas, the world's third-largest gas provider and a longtime client of Auritas, was preparing for a high-stakes merger with Air Gas, a leading giant in the industry. To comply with regulatory requirements and avoid becoming a monopoly, Linde Gas needed to safely divest certain assets while ensuring the process was conducted with utmost security and confidentiality.
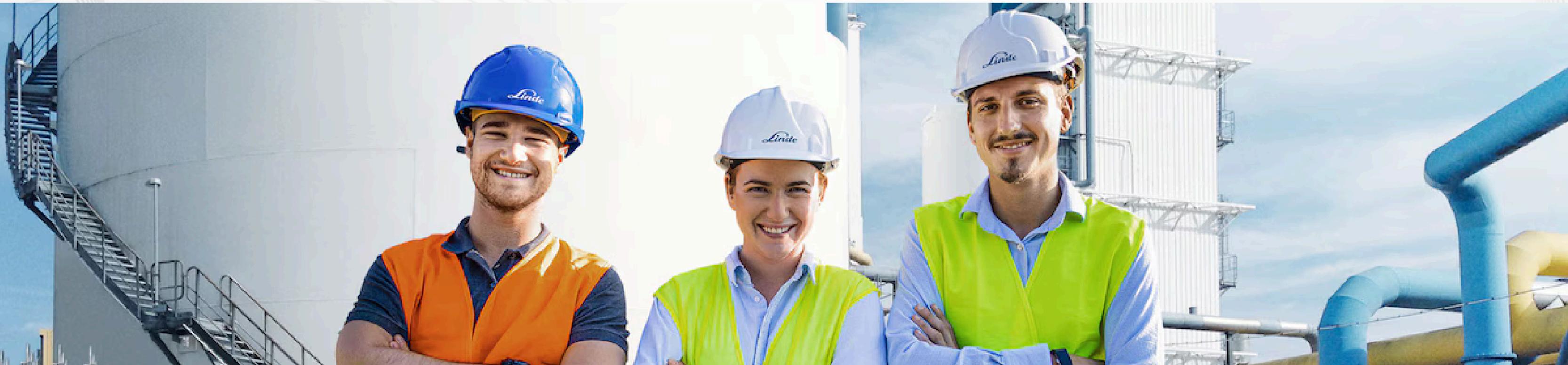
The company also faced significant challenges with data archiving, which further complicated the already intricate process. Linde Gas sought a trusted partner capable of navigating the complexities of mergers and divestitures while addressing their data management needs. Auritas, with its proven expertise in secure data handling and system optimization, was the clear choice to support Linde Gas in achieving its strategic objectives efficiently and securely.

AURITAS SOLUTION

The action plan began with a meticulous review of granular details to address specific document requirements, ensuring every aspect was accounted for with precision. To maintain confidentiality and safeguard sensitive information, key data points were carefully obfuscated before transitioning the necessary data to the designated environment.

Rigorous test cycles were then conducted to validate the process, ensuring that only the essential information was presented, with unnecessary or sensitive details excluded. This approach not only upheld stringent security standards but also ensured compliance and accuracy throughout the data handling process.

RESULTS AND BENEFITS

- ☑ **Access Rights and Security Profile:** Implemented robust access controls and a tailored security profile to ensure comprehensive data protection.

- ☑ **Secure Environments:** Established newly-created, safe environments to handle sensitive data securely throughout the process.

- ☑ **Seamless Divestiture:** Transitioned the divested system while adhering to all regulatory requirements, ensuring full compliance.

- ☑ **Data Minimization:** Enforced protocols to limit visibility, presenting only the necessary information to authorized stakeholders.

- ☑ **Safety and Confidentiality:** Maintained stringent safety and confidentiality standards to protect the integrity of the data and process.

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