

Press Release from the Atlas Copco Group

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Atlas Copco opens new factory in Canada

Stockholm, Sweden, September 25, 2008: Atlas Copco today inaugurates a new facility for manufacturing exploration products and rock reinforcement consumables in North Bay, Canada. The move increases capacity to serve customers in the mining industry, helping to meet strong demand.

The operations, belonging to Atlas Copco's Geotechnical Drilling and Exploration division, have been moved from the previous location in North Bay to the newly built factory. A production line was added for Swellex rock bolts, a unique technology for rock reinforcement and ground engineering.

"This is a significant investment that will lead to better service for our customers in North America, as all the plants of the division have been running at full capacity," says Björn Rosengren, Business Area President, Atlas Copco Construction and Mining Technique.

The new production plant, which employs about 130 people, houses state of the art automated manufacturing equipment, ensuring consistency and reliability of the products. It was designed for reduced environmental impact in accordance with ISO 14001 standards.

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Atlas Copco Geotechnical Drilling and Exploration is a division within Atlas Copco's Construction and Mining Technique business area. It develops, manufactures, and markets equipment for exploration drilling and ground engineering. The division is headquartered in Märsta, Sweden, and its production is organized in specialized competence centers in North America, Europe, Africa, and Asia.

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