

## **Press Release from the Atlas Copco Group**

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## **Edwards shareholders approve acquisition by Atlas Copco**

Stockholm, Sweden, October 4, 2013: At an extraordinary general meeting today, a needed majority of shareholders of Edwards Group Ltd. approved the merger agreement whereby Atlas Copco will acquire Edwards, a leading global supplier of vacuum and abatement solutions.

The acquisition of Edwards offers Atlas Copco, a leading provider of industrial sustainable productivity solutions, an opportunity to expand into a growing business which serves industries that are well-known to Atlas Copco. There are several synergies between vacuum and compressed air solutions in sales, service and technology development.

The transaction, which was first announced on August 19, 2013, and will be completed by way of a merger, remains subject to antitrust clearance. It is expected to close in the first quarter of 2014.

For more information, please visit: www.atlascopco.com/ir.

Atlas Copco discloses the information provided herein pursuant to the Securities Markets Act and/or the Financial Instruments Trading Act.

**Atlas Copco** is an industrial group with world-leading positions in compressors, expanders and air treatment systems, construction and mining equipment, power tools and assembly systems. With innovative products and services, Atlas Copco delivers solutions for sustainable productivity. The company was founded in 1873, is based in Stockholm, Sweden, and has a global reach spanning more than 170 countries. In 2012, Atlas Copco had 39 800 employees and revenues of BSEK 90.5 (BEUR 10.5). Learn more at <a href="https://www.atlascopco.com">www.atlascopco.com</a>.

Atlas Copco's Compressor Technique business area provides industrial compressors, vacuum solutions, gas and process compressors and expanders, air and gas treatment equipment and air management systems. It has a global service network and offers specialty rental services. Compressor Technique innovates for sustainable productivity in the manufacturing, oil and gas, and process industries. Principal product development and manufacturing units are located in Belgium, Germany, the United States, China and India.