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Atlas Copco completes acquisition of Edwards Group

Stockholm, Sweden, January 9, 2014: Atlas Copco, a leading provider of sustainable productivity solutions, has closed the acquisition of Edwards Group Ltd., headquartered in the United Kingdom.

Edwards is a technology and market leader in sophisticated vacuum products and abatement solutions. The products and services are integral to manufacturing processes, such as for semiconductors and flat panel displays, and are used within an increasingly diverse range of industrial applications.

Following the acquisition Edwards will be delisted from the NASDAQ stock exchange.

Atlas Copco has initially paid Edwards shareholders USD 9.25 per share. Once Edwards's audited 2013 income statement is final, an additional payment of up to USD 1.25 per share will be made, corresponding to a maximum total of USD 10.50 per share. Edwards's 2013 income statement is estimated to be ready before the end of the first quarter of 2014.

The acquired business is now part of Atlas Copco's new Vacuum Solutions division in the Compressor Technique business area. For more details, please see Atlas Copco's press release issued on August 19, 2013.

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 www.atlascopco.com.

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.

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