

Press Release from the Atlas Copco Group

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Atlas Copco divests part of ABIRD in Netherlands

Stockholm, Sweden, December 17, 2007: Atlas Copco Internationaal B.V. has divested ABIRD Holding B.V., a part of Atlas Copco Compressor Technique's rental business in the Netherlands. The sale is in line with the Specialty Rental division's strategy to focus on compressed oil-free air applications.

The divested business, which includes the ABIRD brand name, has annual revenues of about MSEK 94 (MEUR 10) and relates to rental of equipment including welding tools and lighting. The buyer is Wichard Oorschot, General Manager of ABIRD, through the investment company DRIBA Holding B.V.

"This divestment will help us focus on our core business and better serve our rental customers in the Netherlands. We also believe that the divested part is in the right hands to grow," says Ronnie Leten, President of Atlas Copco's business area Compressor Technique.

Atlas Copco's specialty rental business in the Netherlands will operate under the name Atlas Copco ABIRD for the next 18 months.

Atlas Copco may be required to disclose the information provided herein pursuant to the Securities Markets Act. The information was submitted for publication at 0730 on December 17, 2007.

Atlas Copco is a world leading provider of industrial productivity solutions. The products and services range from compressed air and gas equipment, generators, construction and mining equipment, industrial tools and assembly systems, to related aftermarket and rental. In close cooperation with customers and business partners, and with more than 130 years of experience, Atlas Copco innovates for superior productivity. Headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden, the Group's global reach spans more than 150 markets. In 2006, Atlas Copco had 25 900 employees and revenues of BSEK 51 (BEUR 5.6). Learn more at www.atlascopco.com.

Specialty Rental is a division within Atlas Copco's Compressor Technique business area. It serves customers in the industry segments around the world with temporary air and power rental solutions. The specialty rental services are offered under several brands. The divisional headquarters is located in Antwerp, Belgium.

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