



Press Release

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## **Ahlsell establishes first heating and plumbing supplies operation in Norway**

Swedish heating, plumbing and electrical supplies wholesaler Ahlsell, a Trelleborg Group business area, has acquired Norwegian heating and plumbing supplies wholesaler Sjölie & Birch.

Sjölie & Birch, which is primarily active in the Oslo area, has annual sales of approx. NOK 80 M.

The acquisition of Sjölie & Birch signals the establishment of Ahlsell's first heating and plumbing supplies operation in the Norwegian market.

Negotiations started this spring and was finalized by the approval by Norwegian authorities.

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