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## Press release

### AAK delivers responsible growth

**AAK releases today its Sustainability Report, “Responsible Growth”, for 2011/2012. The report presents initiatives and results in five focus areas: Marketplace, Supply chain, Environment, Workplace and Community.**

“While we have grown our business and pursued our strategy to develop our sales of more semi-speciality and speciality products, we have also managed to achieve nearly all of our 2011 CSR objectives” says CEO Arne Frank.

Arne Frank continues: “Our enhanced resource efficiency is reflected in strong environmental performance, showing significant reductions in consumption of energy and water, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, water discharge and landfill waste. At the same time we have delivered successfully on our speciality strategy, selling and producing more formulated speciality and semi-speciality solutions for our customers. Responsible growth is core to our business strategy.”

Throughout the report AAK employees tell about sustainability initiatives and managers share their thoughts and insights in their specific areas of responsibility. Additionally, updates are provided on AAK’s work to further improve responsible supply of strategic raw materials and the increased engagement in the local communities in which the company operates.

The report also outlines AAK’s efforts in reducing energy consumption by investing in new technology. Included are examples from the site in Karlshamn, where carbon dioxide emissions decreased from 40.000 tons/year to 7.000 tons/year.

This report can be downloaded as a PDF at [www.aak.com](http://www.aak.com). To obtain a printed copy please contact Corporate Communications at [comm@aak.com](mailto:comm@aak.com).

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