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Atlas Copco Specialty Rental first to get triple certification for quality, environment and health

Stockholm, Sweden, January 24, 2008: Atlas Copco's division Specialty Rental has been granted a triple certification for quality, environmental and occupational health and safety management by Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance. It is the first rental company in the world to be granted the triple certification.

The triple certification is valid for multiple Specialty Rental sites around the world and includes ISO 9001 (the international standard for quality management systems), ISO 14001 (environmental management), and OHSAS 18001 (occupational health and safety).

"Our customers' demands on quality-, environmental- and safety processes are high and they do not accept business partners without a strong focus on these areas," says Ronnie Leten, President of Atlas Copco's business area Compressor Technique. "This certification sets the standard for the industry and will serve as a door opener for us to new customer segments and applications."

Atlas Copco's division Specialty Rental was created on January 1, 2007 and it is active in 50 countries. The triple certification has a fundamental place in supporting the Specialty Rental division's mission to become and remain the market leader worldwide in rental for oil-free, high pressure and compressed air applications.

It is the target of the Atlas Copco Group that all employees shall work in a unit with an environmental management system and that all of its production companies shall be ISO 14001 certified.

Atlas Copco may be required to disclose the information provided herein pursuant to the Securities Markets Act. The information was submitted for publication at 09.30 on January 24, 2008.

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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