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Atlas Copco Second-quarter report 2019

Orders and revenue growth with sustained high profitability

The figures for previous year in this report refer to continuing operations unless otherwise stated

- Orders increased 6% to MSEK 26 565 (25 120), organic growth of 2%
- Revenues were MSEK 25 580 (24 461), organic growth of 1%
- Adjusted operating profit, excluding items affecting comparability, increased 2% to MSEK 5 622 (5 485), corresponding to a margin of 22.0% (22.4)
- Reported operating profit was MSEK 5 379 (5 430), corresponding to a margin of 21.0% (22.2)
- Profit before tax amounted to MSEK 5 315 (5 229)
- Basic earnings per share were SEK 3.36 (3.21)
- Operating cash flow at MSEK 2 369 (approx. 3 200)
- Return on capital employed was 33% (31)

	Ap	ril - June		Jan	uary - June	
MSEK	2019	2018		2019	2018	
Orders received	26 565	25 120	6%	53 377	49 950	7%
Revenues	25 580	24 461	5%	49 761	46 367	7%
Operating profit	5 379	5 430	-1%	10 427	10 263	2%
 as a percentage of revenues 	21.0	22.2		21.0	22.1	
Profit before tax	5 315	5 229	2%	10 222	9 742	5%
 as a percentage of revenues 	20.8	21.4		20.5	21.0	
Profit for the period from						
continuing operations	4 085	3 894	5%	7 788	7 234	8%
Profit for the period from						
discontinued operations	-	89 139		-	90 220	
Profit for the period	4 085	93 033		7 788	97 454	
Basic earnings per share, SEK	3.36	76.47		6.41	80.11	
- of which continuing operations	3.36	3.21		6.41	5.96	
Diluted earnings per share, SEK	3.36	76.33		6.41	79.74	
- of which continuing operations	3.36	3.20		6.41	5.94	
Return on capital employed, %	33	31				

Near-term demand outlook

The demand for Atlas Copco's products and services is expected to be somewhat lower than the level in the second quarter.

Previous near-term demand outlook (published April 25, 2019):

The demand for Atlas Copco's products and services is expected to stay at current level.

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Summary of half-year results

Orders received in the first six months of 2019 increased by 7% to MSEK 53 377 (49 950), corresponding to an organic growth of 2%. Currency effect was positive with 5%. Revenues were MSEK 49 761 (46 367), corresponding to a 2% organic increase.

Operating profit increased by 2% to MSEK 10 427 (10 263). The operating margin was 21.0% (22.1). Adjusted for items affecting comparability, the margin was 21.9% (22.1). In addition, there was a positive impact of changes in exchange rates for the first half-year of MSEK 915.

Profit before tax was MSEK 10 222 (9 742), corresponding to a margin of 20.5% (21.0). Profit for the period totaled MSEK 7 788 (7 234). Basic and diluted earnings per share were SEK 6.41 (5.96) and 6.41 (5.94) respectively.

Operating cash flow before acquisitions, divestments and dividends totaled MSEK 4 898 (previous year approx. 5 600 for continuing operations).

Review of the second quarter Market development

The overall demand for Atlas Copco's products and services continued at the recent high level and the order intake increased organically year-on-year. Sequentially, compared to the first quarter, order intake declined somewhat, mainly due to seasonal variations.

Equipment demand was mixed, but negatively affected by the uncertainties in the global economy. Year-on-year, the order volumes for compressors increased in the quarter, particularly for larger compressors. Orders for vacuum equipment, however, decreased mainly due to decreased demand from the semiconductor and flat panel display industry. The industrial assembly tools and solutions business saw a somewhat lower equipment demand from the motor vehicle industry, while the demand from the general industry was broadly flat. Order volumes for power equipment such as generators and pumps increased strongly. Solid order growth was also achieved for the specialty rental business.

The service business continued to grow in the quarter with growth in all business areas.

Geographic distribution of orders received

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	Atlas	Copco Group					
April - June 2019	Orders Received, %	Change*,%					
North America	26	+6					
South America	4	+11					
Europe	31	+2					
Africa/Middle East	5	+4					
Asia/Oceania	34	-1					
Atlas Copco Group	100	+2					

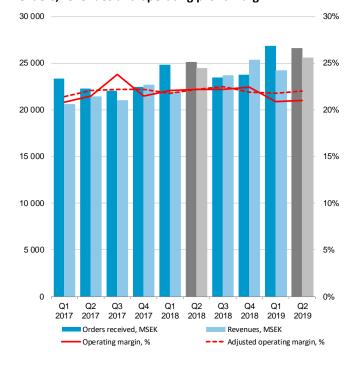
^{*}Change in orders received compared to the previous year in local currency.

Sales bridge

	April - June					
	Orders					
MSEK	re ce i ve d	Revenues				
2018	25 120	24 461				
Structural change, %	+0	+0				
Currency, %	+4	+4				
Organic*, %	+2	+1				
Total,%	+6	+5				
2019	26 565	25 580				

^{*}Volume, price and mix.

Orders, revenues and operating profit margin



Geographic distribution, orders received and revenues

April - June 2019	Compressor Technique, %		Vacuum Technique, %		Industrial Technique, %		Power Technique, %		Atlas Copco, %	
	Orders received	Revenues	Orders received	Revenues	Orders received	Revenues	Orders received	Revenues	Orders received	Revenues
North America	22	23	27	24	32	31	28	23	26	24
South America	6	5	0	0	2	3	6	6	4	4
Europe	33	34	16	15	37	38	37	39	31	31
Africa/Middle East	7	7	1	2	2	1	8	11	5	5
Asia/Oceania	32	31	56	59	27	27	21	21	34	36
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

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Revenues, profits and returns

Revenues increased 5% to MSEK 25 580 (24 461), corresponding to an organic growth of 1%. Currency translation had a positive effect of 4%.

The operating profit decreased 1% to MSEK 5 379 (5 430) and includes MSEK -30 restructuring costs in Industrial Technique business area and a change in provision for share-related long-term incentive programs, reported in Common Group Items of MSEK -213 (-55).

Adjusted operating profit increased 2% to MSEK 5 622 (5 485), corresponding to a margin of 22.0% (22.4).

The net currency effect compared to the previous year was positive MSEK 255, mainly due to a weaker SEK.

Net financial items were MSEK -64 (-201). Interest net, at MSEK -79 (-174), was lower compared to previous year, mainly due to lower effective interest rates. As from January 1, 2019, interest net also includes interest expenses related to assets leased in accordance with IFRS 16. Other financial items were MSEK +15 (-27). Previous year was negatively affected by a one-time cost in connection with the prepayment of a USD loan.

Profit before tax amounted to MSEK 5 315 (5 229), corresponding to a margin of 20.8% (21.4).

Corporate income tax amounted to MSEK -1 230 (-1 335), corresponding to an effective tax rate of 23.1% (25.5).

Profit for the period was MSEK 4 085 (3 894). Basic and diluted earnings per share were SEK 3.36 (3.21) and SEK 3.36 (3.20), respectively.

The return on capital employed during the last 12 months was 33% (31). Return on equity was 41% (26). The Group uses a weighted average cost of capital (WACC) of 8.0% as an investment and overall performance benchmark.

Operating cash flow and investments

Previous year incl. discontinued operations
Operating cash surplus reached MSEK 6 980 (8 196). Cash flows from net financial items were negative at MSEK -213 (-1 002), which includes cash flow from currency hedges of MSEK -268 (-1 071), where the offsetting cash flow mainly occurs in the future. Working capital increased MSEK 1 938 (1 727). Net investments in rental equipment were MSEK -238 (-409) and net investments in property, plant and equipment were MSEK -321 (-495).

Operating cash flow (important internal KPI, but not an IFRS measurement, and hence defined on page 13) reached MSEK 2 369 (previous year approx. 3 200 for continuing operations).

The decrease was due to a larger increase in working capital compared to the second quarter 2018.

Net indebtedness

The Group's net indebtedness amounted to MSEK 10 935 (14 383), of which MSEK 3 279 (3 034) was attributable to post-employment benefits. The Group's interest-bearing liabilities have an average maturity of 5.2 years. The net debt/EBITDA ratio was 0.4 (0.6). The net debt/equity ratio was 25% (41).

Acquisition and divestment of own shares

During the quarter, 1 997 881 A shares, net, were sold for a net value of MSEK 576. These transactions are in accordance with mandates granted by the Annual General Meeting and relate to the Group's long-term incentive programs. See page 18.

Employees

On June 30, 2019, the number of employees was 37 624 (35 995). The number of consultants/external workforce was 3 191 (3 180). For comparable units, the total workforce increased by 1 237 from June 30, 2018.

Atlas Copco acquires Brooks' Semiconductor Cryogenics Business

On July 1, 2019, Atlas Copco completed the acquisition of Brooks' Semiconductor Cryogenics Business for the agreed consideration of MUSD 675. The acquisition includes cryo pump operations located in Chelmsford, USA, and Monterrey, Mexico together with a worldwide network of sales and service centers and a 50% share of Ulvac Cryogenics, Inc., (UCI). Note that the revenues from UCI will not be consolidated into Atlas Copco's revenues. Instead, the Group's share of the result after tax will be treated as result from joint ventures.

The Cryogenics Business will be consolidated as from July 1, 2019 and will be a part of Atlas Copco's business area Vacuum Technique.

The acquired business is active in the semiconductor industry and is therefore negatively impacted by current market conditions. The business has current annual revenues of approximately MUSD 150 per year, and the 50% owned joint venture UCI approximately MUSD 100 per year. Primarily due to amortizations of intangibles, the acquisition will initially have a slightly dilutive effect on operating margin for the Vacuum Technique business area.

Information about the purchase price allocation will be given in the Q3 report 2019.

Revenues and operating profit - bridge

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				Items affecting		
		Volume, price,		comparability and	Share-based	
MSEK	Q2 2019	mix and other	Currency	acquisitions	LTI* programs	Q2 2018
Atlas Copco Group						
Revenues	25 580	74	965	80	-	24 461
Operating profit	5 379	-103	255	-45	-158	5 430
	21.0%	NA				22.2%

^{*}LTI= Long term incentive

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Compressor Technique

	April - June		January - June			
MSEK	2019	2018		2019	2018	
Orders received	12 902	11 924	8%	25 428	23 065	10%
Revenues	11 974	11 266	6%	23 371	21 001	11%
Operating profit	2 773	2 638	5%	5 391	4 887	10%
– as a percentage of revenues	23.2	23.4		23.1	23.3	
Return on capital employed, %	100	99				

- Record orders, revenues, and operating profit
- Solid growth for larger compressors and continued growth for service
- Seven acquisitions completed in the quarter

Sales bridge

	April - June					
	Orders					
MSEK	received	Revenues				
2018	11 924	11 266				
Structural change, %	+1	+1				
Currency, %	+4	+3				
Organic*, %	+3	+2				
Total, %	+8	+6				
2019	12 902	11 974				

^{*}Volume, price and mix.

Industrial compressors

The demand for industrial compressors was mixed. Order intake increased year-on-year for large-sized compressors, while orders for small and medium-sized compressors decreased somewhat.

Order volumes increased in the Americas and Africa/Middle East but decreased in Asia. The order intake in Europe was flat.

Gas and process compressors

The demand for gas and process compressors continued to be strong, and order volumes increased significantly compared to the previous year.

Strong order growth was achieved in all major regions, except Europe where volumes were principally flat.

Compressor service

The service business continued to grow, primarily due to increased order intake in Europe and Asia.

Innovation

A new blower, with half the size compared to the previous model but 10% more energy efficient, and 30% more flow generation was launched. The blower targets the low-pressure market for applications in for example wastewater treatment, pneumatic conveying, and the food and textile industry.

Acquisitions

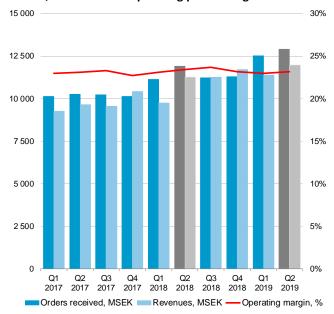
The business area acquired seven distributors in the quarter, out of which three are located in Germany, two in France, one in the US, and one in Canada. In total, the distributors have about 80 employees.

Revenues and profitability

Revenues increased 6% to a record MSEK 11 974 (11 266), corresponding to an organic increase of 2%.

The operating profit also reached a record of MSEK 2 773 (2 638), corresponding to a margin of 23.2% (23.4), negatively affected by dilution from acquisitions. Return on capital employed (last 12 months) was 100% (99).

Orders, revenues and operating profit margin



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Vacuum Technique

	April - June		January - June			
MSEK	2019	2018		2019	2018	
Orders received	5 451	5 596	-3%	11 138	11 588	-4%
Revenues	5 650	5 740	-2%	10 903	10 995	-1%
Operating profit	1 401	1 479	-5%	2 693	2 771	-3%
 as a percentage of revenues 	24.8	25.8		24.7	25.2	
Return on capital employed, %	25	28				

- Lower equipment demand
- Service revenues continued to grow
- · Operating margin at 24.8%

Sales bridge

	April	- June
	Orders	
MSEK	re ce i ve d	Revenues
2018	5 596	5 740
Structural change, %	+0	+0
Currency, %	+4	+5
Organic*, %	-7	-7
Total, %	-3	-2
2019	5 451	5 650

^{*}Volume, price and mix.

Semiconductor and flat panel display equipment

Order intake for equipment to the semiconductor and flat panel display industry decreased, but customer investments to support latest technology products remained at a high level.

Geographically, Asia and South Korea in particular, continued to be relatively weak. In North America, the order intake remained healthy, but below previous year's record level.

Industrial and scientific vacuum equipment

Equipment orders from the industrial and scientific vacuum markets were down compared to the previous year and broadly flat sequentially.

Compared to the previous year, order volumes increased in North America but decreased in Europe and Asia.

Vacuum service

The service business continued to grow with increased order intake from both industrial customers and the semiconductor industry.

Innovation

To meet the increased demand on the quality, shelf life, and resource efficiency in food and packaging processes, a new oil-free screw vacuum pump was launched. By transferring proven design principles from other pump

series, the new pump will offer customers reduced risk for contamination in their processes, high energy efficiency, low noise level, and low lifetime costs.

Acquisitions

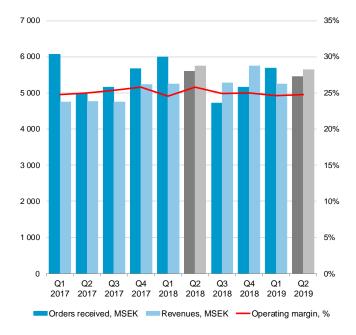
On July 1 the acquisition of Brooks' Semiconductor Cryogenics Business was completed. See page 3.

Revenues and profitability

Revenues reached MSEK 5 650 (5 740), corresponding to an organic decline of 7%.

The operating profit reached MSEK 1 401 (1 479), corresponding to a margin of 24.8% (25.8). The margin was negatively affected by decreased revenue volumes and sales mix. Return on capital employed (last 12 months) was 25% (28).

Orders, revenues and operating profit margin



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Industrial Technique

	April - June		January - June			
MSEK	2019	2018		2019	2018	
Orders received	4 868	4 713	3%	9 554	9 291	3%
Revenues	4 576	4 519	1%	9 123	8 697	5%
Operating profit	1 016	1 056	-4%	2 024	2 030	0%
 as a percentage of revenues 	22.2	23.4		22.2	23.3	
Return on capital employed, %	37	44				

- . Lower demand for equipment to the motor vehicle industry
- Service continued to grow
- Adjusted operating margin at 22.9%

Sales bridge

	April - June					
	Orders					
MSEK	received	Revenues				
2018	4 713	4 519				
Structural change, %	+0	+0				
Currency, %	+4	+4				
Organic*, %	-1	-3				
Total, %	+3	+1				
2019	4 868	4 576				

^{*}Volume, price and mix.

Motor vehicle industry

The order volumes from the motor vehicle industry for advanced power tools decreased while orders for other fastening technologies, e.g. adhesives and riveting, increased compared to the previous year. Sequentially, the order intake remained on the same level as the previous quarter.

Geographically, and compared to the previous year, the order intake was unchanged in North America and Europe but decreased in Asia.

General industry

The order intake for industrial power tools from the general industry remained at about the same level as the previous year. The demand was mixed from different customer applications, with order growth from, for example, aerospace, and off-road customers, while order volumes from customers in the electronics industry decreased.

Geographically, order volumes increased in Asia and North America but decreased in Europe.

Service

The service business, including maintenance and calibration services, continued to grow in the quarter, mainly thanks to strong growth in Europe.

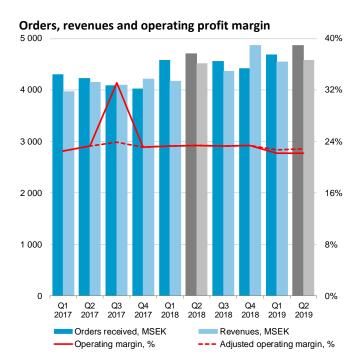
Innovation

A new smart handheld electric tool to be used with multiple drilling and fastener heads was launched. The device offers full coverage in a single tool for use in several different aerospace materials. The built-in software enables quick configuration, automatic head recognition, and counts cycles in operations. Thanks to open system architecture, the tools are smart factory compatible.

Revenues and profitability

Revenues increased 1% to MSEK 4 576 (4 519), an organic decline of 3%.

The operating profit decreased 4% to MSEK 1 016 (1 056), corresponding to a margin of 22.2% (23.4). Adjusted for restructuring costs of MSEK -30, the margin reached 22.9% (23.4). The adjusted margin was negatively affected by lower revenue volumes, sales mix, and higher investments in R&D. Return on capital employed (last 12 months) was 37% (44).



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Power Technique

	April - June		January - June			
MSEK	2019	2018		2019	2018	
Orders received	3 481	3 091	13%	7 582	6 428	18%
Revenues	3 555	3 091	15%	6 732	5 985	12%
Operating profit	619	464	33%	1 143	1 011	13%
 as a percentage of revenues 	17.4	15.0		17.0	16.9	
Return on capital employed, %	30	18				

- Strong order and revenue growth
- · Record operating profit with 17.4% margin
- · Continued growth for service

Sales bridge

	April - June			
	Orders			
MSEK	received	Revenues		
2018	3 091	3 091		
Structural change, %	-1	-2		
Currency, %	+4	+4		
Organic*, %	+10	+13		
Total, %	+13	+15		
2019	3 481	3 555		

^{*}Volume, price and mix.

Equipment

The demand for equipment was strong and order intake grew significantly for both generators and pumps, mainly due to increased demand from equipment rental companies in the USA.

Geographically, order volumes increased in all regions except in Africa/Middle East where volumes were down.

Sequentially, compared to the seasonally strong first quarter, the order intake was lower for most types of equipment.

Specialty rental

The specialty rental business continued to grow and solid order growth was achieved in all regions.

Sequentially, the order volumes were unchanged compared to the previous quarter's high level.

Service

The service business continued to grow, mainly due to strong development in Asia.

Innovation

A new generator range with variable speed control was launched. Customers typically have inefficiencies when working with low loads, therefore the unique variable speed generator will provide operational savings, higher performance, and increased reliability, while reducing up to 40% in fuel consumption and emissions.

Acquisitions

Two acquisitions were completed in the quarter:

- Powerhouse Equipment & Engineering Co. Inc, a USbased steam boiler company with 95 employees and revenue of close to MUSD 36 (MSEK 347) in 2018.
- Mid South Engine & Power Systems, LLC. A provider of service for off-road engines and spare parts in the US.
 The company has 28 employees and revenues of MUSD 6 (MSEK 54) in 2018.

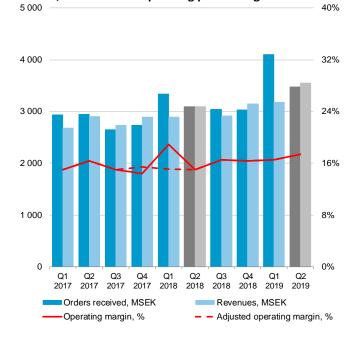
Revenues and profitability

Revenues reached MSEK 3 555 (3 091), corresponding to an organic increase of 13%.

Operating profit increased 33% to MSEK 619 (464), corresponding to a record margin of 17.4% (15.0). The margin improvement was primarily due to the increased revenue volumes.

Return on capital employed (last 12 months) was 30% (18).

Orders, revenues and operating profit margin



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Accounting principles

The consolidated accounts of the Atlas Copco Group are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The description of the accounting principles and definitions applied in this report are found in the annual report 2018, with the complementary description of changes described below. The interim report is prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting. Non-IFRS measures are also presented in the report since they are considered to be important supplemental measures of the company's performance. For further information about these measures and how they have been calculated, please visit: http://www.atlascopcogroup.com/investor-relations

New and amended accounting standards

IFRS 16 Leases

IFRS 16 Leases is effective from January 1, 2019 and replaces IAS 17 Leases and IFRIC 4 Determining whether an Arrangement contains a lease. Atlas Copco has chosen to perform the transition by use of the modified retrospective approach, which does not require restatement of comparative periods. The comparative information continues to be reported in accordance with IAS 17 Leases and IFRIC 4 Determining whether an Arrangement contains a lease.

On transition to IFRS 16, the Group recognised an additional MSEK 3 259 of right-of-use assets and MSEK 3 284 of lease liabilities. The difference between right-of-use assets and lease liabilities refers to prepaid or accrued expenses and financial lease receivables on agreements from subleasing.

Effect on balance sheet from adoption of IFRS 16, MSEK	Jan. 1, 2019
Rental equipment	2
Other property, plant and equipment	3 257
Financial assets	40
Other receivables	-18
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings, non-current	2 437
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings, current	847
Otherliabilities	-3

Recognizing depreciation of right of use assets instead of minimum lease payments has had a small positive impact on operating profit. Interest on lease liabilities has had a small negative impact on net financial items.

Since the principal payments are recognized as financing activities, cash flow from financing activities has decreased with a corresponding increase in cash flow from operating activities. The interest portion of the lease payment remains as cash flow from operating activities and is included in net financial items paid.

Further details about transition effects as well as new accounting principles under IFRS 16 is presented in Atlas Copco's Annual Report for 2018.

Risks and factors of uncertainty

Market risks

The demand for Atlas Copco's equipment and services is affected by changes in the customers' investment and production levels. A general economic downturn, geopolitical tensions, changes in trade agreements, a widespread financial crisis and other macroeconomic disturbances may, directly or indirectly, affect the Group negatively both in terms of revenues and profitability. However, the Group's sales are well diversified with customers in many industries and countries around the world, which mitigates the risk.

Financial risks

Atlas Copco is subject to currency risks, interest rate risks, tax risks, and other financial risks. In line with the overall goals with respect to growth, return on capital, and protecting creditors, Atlas Copco has adopted a policy to control the financial risks to which the Group is exposed. A financial risk management committee meets regularly to manage and follow up financial risks, in line with the policy.

Production risks

Many components are sourced from sub-suppliers. The availability is dependent on the sub-suppliers and if they have interruptions or lack capacity, this may adversely affect production. To minimize these risks, Atlas Copco has established a global network of sub-suppliers, which means that in most cases there are more than one sub-supplier that can supply a certain component.

Atlas Copco is also directly and indirectly exposed to raw material prices. Cost increases for raw materials and components often coincide with strong end-customer demand and can partly be compensated for by increased sales prices.

Acquisitions

Atlas Copco has the ambition to grow all its business areas, primarily through organic growth, complemented by selected acquisitions. The integration of acquired businesses is a difficult process and it is not certain that every integration will be successful. Therefore, costs related to acquisitions can be higher and/or synergies can take longer to materialize than anticipated.

For further information, see the annual report 2018.

Forward-looking statements

Some statements in this report are forward-looking, and the actual outcome could be materially different. In addition to the factors explicitly discussed, other factors could have a material effect on the actual outcome. Such factors include, but are not limited to, general business conditions, fluctuations in exchange rates and interest rates, political developments, the impact of competing products and their pricing, product development, commercialization and technological difficulties, interruptions in supply, and major customer credit losses.

Atlas Copco AB

Atlas Copco AB and its subsidiaries are sometimes referred to as the Atlas Copco Group, the Group or Atlas Copco. Atlas Copco AB is also sometimes referred to as Atlas Copco. Any mentioning of the Board of Directors, the Board or the Directors refers to the Board of Directors of Atlas Copco AB.

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Consolidated income statement

Consolidated income statement				
		3 months ended		ended
	Jun. 30	Jun. 30	Jun. 30	Jun. 30
MSEK	2019	2018	2019	2018
Continuing operations				
Revenues	25 580	24 461	49 761	46 367
Cost of sales	-14 395	-13 898	-28 142	-26 202
Gross profit	11 185	10 563	21 619	20 165
Marketing expenses	-3 033	-2 830	-5 945	-5 415
Administrative expenses	-1 838	-1 630	-3 572	-3 062
Research and development costs	-878	-826	-1 741	-1 575
Other operating income and expenses	-57	153	66	150
Operating profit	5 379	5 430	10 427	10 263
- as a percentage of revenues	21.0	22.2	21.0	22.1
Net financial items	-64	-201	-205	-521
Profit before tax	5 315	5 229	10 222	9 742
- as a percentage of revenues	20.8	21.4	20.5	21.0
Income tax expense	-1 230	-1 335	-2 434	-2 508
Profit for the period from continuing operations	4 085	3 894	7 788	7 234
Discontinued operations				
Profit for the period from discontinued operations	-	89 139 *	-	90 220
Profit for the period	4 085	93 033	7 788	97 454
Profit attributable to				
- owners of the parent	4 080	92 774	7 778	97 189
- non-controlling interests	5	259	10	265
Basic earnings per share, SEK	3.36	76.47	6.41	80.11
- of which continuing operations	3.36	3.21	6.41	5.96
Diluted earnings per share, SEK	3.36	76.33	6.41	79.74
- of which continuing operations	3.36	3.20	6.41	5.94
Basic weighted average number				
of shares outstanding, millions	1 213.9	1 213.1	1 213.2	1 213.3
Diluted weighted average number				
of shares outstanding, millions	1 215.0	1 215.4	1 214.1	1 215.8
*2018 includes effect from the distribution of Epiroc AB.				
Key ratios				
Equity per share, period end, SEK	36	29		
Return on capital employed, 12 month values, %	33	31		
Return on equity, 12 month values, %	41	26		
Debt/equity ratio, period end, %	25	41		
Equity/assets ratio, period end, %	43	38		
Number of employees, period end	37 624	35 995		

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Consolidated statement of comprehensive income, including discontinued operations

	3 months ended 6 month			ns ended	
	Jun. 30	Jun. 30	Jun. 30	Jun. 30	
MSEK	2019	2018	2019	2018	
Profit for the period	4 085	93 033	7 788	97 454	
Other comprehensive income					
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss					
Remeasurements of defined benefit pension plans	111	-29	-198	141	
Income tax relating to items that will not be reclassified	-27	17	79	-18	
	84	-12	-119	123	
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss					
Translation differences on foreign operations	-101	1 509	1 576	4 699	
- realized and reclassified to income statement	-	-934	-	-946	
Hedge of net investments in foreign operations	-223	-227	-447	-1 034	
Cash flow hedges	-8	-25	-6	45	
Income tax relating to items that may be reclassified	68	146	135	634	
	-264	469	1 258	3 398	
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	-180	457	1 139	3 521	
Total comprehensive income for the period	3 905	93 490	8 927	100 975	
Total comprehensive income attributable to					
- owners of the parent	3 900	93 230	8 915	100 708	
- non-controlling interests	5	260	12	267	

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Consolidated balance sheet

TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	102 499	91 454	96 670	99 951
Total current liabilities	35 564	36 723	35 045	35 889
Provisions	1 797	1 732	1 602	1 602
Trade payables and other liabilities	31 585	28 694	27 477	27 474
Borrowings	2 182	6 297	5 966	6 813
Total non-current liabilities	22 673	19 729	19 153	21 590
Deferred tax liabilities	771	658	619	619
Other liabilities and provisions	1 310	1 366	1 282	1 282
Post-employment benefits	3 279	3 034	2 837	2 837
Borrowings	17 313	14 671	14 415	16 852
TOTAL EQUITY	44 262	35 002	42 472	42 472
Non-controlling interests	59	50	47	47
Equity attributable to owners of the parent	44 203	34 952	42 425	42 425
TOTAL ASSETS	102 499	91 454	96 670	99 951
Total current assets	53 800	48 108	53 738	53 727
Assets classified as held for sale	1	1	1	1
Cash and cash equivalents	11 720	9 521	16 414	16 414
Other financial assets	119	98	102	109
Trade and other receivables	27 360	25 562	24 503	24 485
Inventories	14 600	12 926	12 718	12 718
Total non-current assets	48 699	43 346	42 932	46 224
Deferred tax assets	1 898	1 997	1 619	1 619
Financial assets and other receivables	1 080	1 118	901	934
Other property, plant and equipment	11 687	7 890	8 099	11 356
Rental equipment	2 667	2 078	2 288	2 290
Intangible assets	31 367	30 263	30 025	30 025
MSEK	Jun. 30, 2019	Jun. 30, 2018	Dec. 31, 2018	Jan. 1, 2019*

^{*}Including effects of IFRS 16 (leases).

Fair value of derivatives, cash equivalents and borrowings

The carrying value and fair value of the Group's outstanding derivatives, liquidity funds and borrowings are shown in the tables below. The fair values of bonds are based on level 1 and the fair values of derivatives, liquidity funds and other loans are based on level 2 in the fair value hierarchy. Compared to 2018, no transfers have been made between different levels in the fair value hierarchy for derivatives and borrowings and no significant changes have been made to valuation techniques, inputs or assumptions. Liquidity funds, reported under cash equivalents, are according to IFRS 9 classified at fair value through profit and loss.

Financial instruments recorded at fair value

MSEK	Jun. 30, 2019	Dec. 31, 2018
Current assets and liabilities		
Assets	689	367
Liabilities	50	32

Carrying value and fair value of borrowings (excluding lease liabilities)

MSEK	Jun. 30, 2019	Jun. 30, 2019	Dec. 31, 2018	Dec. 31, 2018
	Carrying value	Fair value	Carrying value	Fair value
Bonds	10 532	11 215	15 411	15 771
Otherloans	5 595	5 674	4 970	5 053
	16 127	16 889	20 381	20 824

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Consolidated statement of changes in equity

	Equity attrib	utable to		
	owners of	non-controlling		
MSEK	the parent	interests	Total equity	
Opening balance, January 1, 2019	42 425	47	42 472	
Changes in equity for the period				
Total comprehensive income for the period	8 915	12	8 927	
Dividend	-7 640	-	-7 640	
Acquisition and divestment of own shares	575	-	575	
Share-based payments, equity settled	-72	-	-72	
Closing balance, June 30, 2019	44 203	59	44 262	

	Equity attrib		
	owners of	non-controlling	
MSEK	the parent	interests	Total equity
Opening balance, January 1, 2018	60 517	84	60 601
Change in accounting principles	-37	-	-37
Changes in equity for the period			
Total comprehensive income for the period	100 708	267	100 975
Ordinary dividend	-8 487	-	-8 487
Distribution of Epiroc AB	-107 998	-301	-108 299
Redemption of shares	-9 705	-	-9 705
Acquisition and divestment of own shares	5	-	5
Share-based payments, equity settled	-51	-	-51
Closing balance, June 30, 2018	34 952	50	35 002

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Consolidated	statement	Λf	cach	flows
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Consolidated statement of cash flows				
		pril - June		uary - June
MSEK	2019	2018*	2019	2018*
Cash flows from operating activities				
Operating profit, continuing operations	5 379	5 430	10 427	10 263
Operating profit, discontinued operations	-	1 498	-	3 013
Depreciation, amortization and impairment (see below)	1 133	1 137	2 212	2 231
Capital gain/loss and other non-cash items	468	131	575	156
Operating cash surplus	6 980	8 196	13 214	15 663
Net financial items received/paid	-213	-1 002	-578	-609
Taxes paid	-1 822	-2 208	-2 836	-3 552
Pension funding and payment of pension to employees	-84	-77	-161	-179
Change in working capital	-1 938	-1 727	-3 407	-3 435
Investments in rental equipment	-244	-498	-503	-906
Sale of rental equipment	6	89	19	170
Net cash from operating activities	2 685	2 773	5 748	7 152
Cash flows from investing activities				
Investments in property, plant and equipment	-362	-513	-729	-974
Sale of property, plant and equipment	41	18	49	37
Investments in intangible assets	-255	-239	-494	-483
Sale of intangible assets	1	-	1	-
Acquisition of subsidiaries and associated companies	-817	-220	-1 002	-1 185
Divestment of subsidiaries	<u>-</u>	260	-	556
Other investments, net	-9	-44	-28	-178
Net cash from investing activities	-1 401	-738	-2 203	-2 227
Cash flows from financing activities				
Annual dividends paid	-3 820	-8 487	-3 820	-8 487
Distribution of Epiroc AB	-	-4 002 **	-	-4 002 *
Redemption of shares	_	-9 705	_	-9 705
Repurchase and sales of own shares	576	484	575	5 705
Change in interest-bearing liabilities	246	3 510	-5 233	1 129
Net cash from financing activities	-2 998	-18 200	-8 478	-21 060
Net cash from financing activities	-2 330	-10 200	-0 470	-21 000
Net cash flow for the period	-1 714	-16 165	-4 933	-16 135
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	13 495	23 249	16 414	24 496
Exchange differences in cash and cash equivalents	-61	182	239	1 160
Cash and cash equivalents discontinued operations	-	2 255	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	11 720	9 521	11 720	9 521
*2018 includes discontinued operations.				
**Cash in Epiroc closing balance at the time of distribution.				
Depreciation, amortization and impairment				
Rental equipment	178	253	342	497
Other property, plant and equipment	320	404	632	815
Right-of-use assets	253	-	489	-
Intangible assets	382	480	749	919
Total	1 133	1 137	2 212	2 231
Calculation of operating cash flow				
		pril - June		uary - June
MSEK	2019	2018*	2019	2018*
Net cash flow for the period	-1 714	-16 165	-4 933	-16 135
Add back:				
Change in interest-bearing liabilities	-246	-3 510	5 233	-1 129
Repurchase and sales of own shares	-576	-484	-575	-5
Annual dividends paid	3 820	8 487	3 820	8 487
Redemption of shares	-	9 705	-	9 705
Distribution of Epiroc AB	-	4 002	-	4 002
Acquisitions and divestments	817	-40	1 002	629
Currency hadges	268	1 071	351	226

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Currency hedges

Operating cash flow

^{*2018} includes discontinued operations.

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Discontinued operations

At the Annual General Meeting on April 24, 2018, it was decided to split the Group and distribute the shares of Epiroc AB to the shareholders of Atlas Copco. In June, the shareholders received one Epiroc share for each Atlas Copco share. Epiroc AB was listed on Nasdaq Stockholm on June 18, 2018.

Epiroc was reported as discontinued operations since January 2018 with a retrospective effect in the income statement. On distribution of the Epiroc shares, Atlas Copco recognized a capital gain in discontinued operations of MSEK 87 105 representing the difference between the fair value of Epiroc and the carrying value of Epiroc's net assets at the time of distribution. As part of the distribution, all historical translation differences allocated to Epiroc, amounting to MSEK 934, were recycled to the income statement for discontinued operations.

Income Statement

	3 months	3 months ended		sended
	Jun. 30	Jun. 30	Jun. 30	Jun. 30
MSEK	2019	2018	2019	2018
Revenues	-	7 969	-	15 992
Cost of sales	-	-5 030	-	-10 046
Gross profit	-	2 939	-	5 946
Marketing expenses	-	-565	-	-1 165
Administrative expenses	-	-582	-	-1 146
Research and development costs	-	-217	-	-439
Other operating income and expenses	-	-77	-	-183
Operating profit	=	1 498	=	3 013
- as a percentage of revenues	=	18.8	=	18.8
Net financial items	-	-44	-	-101
Profit before tax	-	1 454	-	2 912
- as a percentage of revenues	-	18.2	-	18.2
Income tax expense	-	-354	-	-731
Reamesurement to fair value	-	87 105	-	87 105
Translation differences recycled	-	934	-	934
Profit for the period	-	89 139	-	90 220

Cash flows from discontinued operations

April -		pril - June	Jan	uary - June
MSEK	2019	2018	2019	2018
Cash flows from				
Operating activities	-	86	-	748
Investing activities	-	-75	-	-951
Financing activities	-	5 863	-	5 902
Net cash flow for the period	-	5 874	-	5 699

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Revenues by business area

Atlas Copco Group	20 578	21 397	21 033	22 645	21 906	24 461	23 675	25 321	24 181	25 580
Eliminations	-93	-98	-103	-128	-156	-155	-142	-138	-193	-175
Common Group Items /										
- of which internal	114	105	81	110	138	111	18	20	28	24
- of which external	2 5 7 1	2 803	2 651	2 782	2 756	2 980	2 893	3 126	3 149	3 531
Power Technique	2 685	2 908	2 732	2 892	2 894	3 091	2 911	3 146	3 177	3 555
- of which internal	14	14	12	14	15	15	11	8	9	10
- of which external	3 951	4 139	4 086	4 201	4 163	4 504	4 354	4 863	4 538	4 566
Industrial Technique	3 965	4 153	4 098	4 2 1 5	4 178	4 5 1 9	4 3 6 5	4871	4 547	4 576
- of which internal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- of which external	4 753	4 767	4 754	5 229	5 255	5 740	5 272	5 740	5 253	5 650
Vacuum Technique	4 753	4 767	4 754	5 229	5 255	5 740	5 272	5 740	5 253	5 650
- of which internal	78	90	94	135	157	145	113	109	156	141
- of which external	9 190	9 577	9 458	10 302	9 5 7 8	11 121	11 156	11 593	11 241	11 831
Compressor Technique	9 268	9 667	9 552	10 437	9 735	11 266	11 269	11 702	11 397	11 974
MSEK (by quarter)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
	2017				2018				2019	

Operatir	ng profit l	oy busi	ness area

	2017				2018				2019	
MSEK (by quarter)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Compressor Technique	2 130	2 237	2 225	2 370	2 249	2 638	2 667	2 709	2 618	2 773
- as a percentage of revenues	23.0	23.1	23.3	22.7	23.1	23.4	23.7	23.1	23.0	23.2
Vacuum Technique	1 176	1 193	1 205	1350	1 292	1 479	1 3 1 5	1 436	1 292	1 401
- as a percentage of revenues	24.7	25.0	25.3	25.8	24.6	25.8	24.9	25.0	24.6	24.8
Industrial Technique	893	966	1359	976	974	1 056	1018	1 140	1 008	1016
- as a percentage of revenues	22.5	23.3	33.2	23.2	23.3	23.4	23.3	23.4	22.2	22.2
Power Technique	404	475	410	416	547	464	480	515	524	619
- as a percentage of revenues	15.0	16.3	15.0	14.4	18.9	15.0	16.5	16.4	16.5	17.4
Common Group Items /										
Eliminations	-313	-274	-197	-253	-229	-207	-217	-139	-394	-430
Operating profit	4 290	4 597	5 002	4 859	4 833	5 430	5 263	5 661	5 048	5 379
- as a percentage of revenues	20.8	21.5	23.8	21.5	22.1	22.2	22.2	22.4	20.9	21.0
Net financial items	-232	-395	-222	-308	-320	-201	-95	273	-141	-64
Profit before tax	4 058	4 202	4 780	4 551	4 513	5 229	5 168	5 934	4 907	5 315
- as a percentage of revenues	19.7	19.6	22.7	20.1	20.6	21.4	21.8	23.4	20.3	20.8

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Acquisitions and divestments

•				Revenues	Number of
Date	Acquisitions	Divestments	Business area	MSEK*	employees*
2019 Jun. 19	Powerhouse Equipment & Engineering Co. Inc.		Power Technique	347	95
2019 Jun. 17	Taylor Air Center		Compressor Technique		20
2019 May. 29	AirCenterSüd GmbH & Co. KG		Compressor Technique		6
2019 May. 27	Air Compresseur service		Compressor Technique		10
2019 May. 3	Bold & Cichos GbR		Compressor Technique		15
2019 May. 2	Mid South Engine & Power Systems		Power Technique	54	28
2019 Apr. 9	PSI Compressors		Compressor Technique		6
2019 Apr. 3	Jacob Drucklufttechnik Vertriebs GmbH		Compressor Technique		10
2019 Apr. 2	Air Diffusion		Compressor Technique		15
2019 Mar. 19	Class 1 Incorporated		Compressor Technique	130	50
2019 Mar. 6	Woodward Compressor Sales		Compressor Technique		15
2019 Mar. 1	Appleton		Compressor Technique		15
2019 Jan. 4	Industrie Pumpen Vertriebs GmbH		Power Technique	50	20
2018 Sep. 4	Reno A/S		Compressor Technique	153	60
2018 Aug. 1	QUISS Qualitäts-Inspektionssysteme und Service AG	i	Industrial Technique	86	45
2018 Jun. 18		Epiroc AB		31 440	12 948
2018 Apr. 4	Klingel Joining Technologies		Industrial Technique	82	23
2018 Mar. 1	Walker Filtration Ltd.		Compressor Technique	330	220
2018 Feb. 2		Concrete and compaction business	Power Technique	570	200
2018 Jan. 17	Location Thermique Service SAS		Power Technique	70	13

^{*}Annual revenues and number of employees at time of acquisition/divestment. No revenues are disclosed for former Atlas Copco distributors. Due to the relatively small size of the acquisitions made in 2019, full disclosure as per IFRS 3 is not given in this interim report.

Disclosure will be given in the annual report 2019. See the annual report for 2018 for disclosure of acquisitions made in 2018.

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Parent company

Income statement

		April - June	Jan	uary - June
MSEK	2019	2018	2019	2018
Administrative expenses	-203	-166	-397	-294
Other operating income and expenses	24	22	51	31
Operating profit/loss	-179	-144	-346	-263
Financial income and expenses*	8 724	14 073	9 968	50 082
Profit/loss before tax	8 545	13 929	9 622	49 819
Income tax	81	102	288	312
Profit/loss for the period	8 626	14 031	9 910	50 131

^{*} Financial income and expenses mainly refer to dividend income from subsidiaries and capital gains from transfer of shares in subsidiaries which are related to internal restructurings. These transactions are eliminated in the Group accounts since they are internal. In Q1 2018 there was a large internal restructuring.

Balance sheet

	Jun. 30	Jun. 30	Dec. 31
MSEK	2019	2018	2018
Total non-current assets	158 326	140 761	208 920
Total current assets	11 671	8 732	19 588
TOTAL ASSETS	169 997	149 493	228 508
Total restricted equity	5 785	5 785	5 785
Total non-restricted equity	142 294	58 891	139 521
TOTAL EQUITY	148 079	64 676	145 306
TOTAL EQUITY	148 079	64 676	145 306
TOTAL EQUITY Total provisions	148 079 554	64 676 460	145 306 354
Total provisions	554	460	354
Total provisions Total non-current liabilities	554 13 579	460 49 086	354 17 025
Total provisions Total non-current liabilities Total current liabilities	554 13 579 7 785	460 49 086 35 271	354 17 025 65 823

Accounting principles

Atlas Copco AB is the ultimate Parent Company of the Atlas Copco Group. The financial statements of Atlas Copco AB have been prepared in accordance with the Swedish Annual Accounts Act and the accounting standard RFR 2, Accounting for Legal Entities. The same accounting principles and methods of computation are followed in the interim financial statements as compared with the most recent annual financial statements. See also accounting principles, page 8.

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Parent Company

Distribution of shares

Share capital equaled MSEK 786 (786) at the end of the period, distributed as follows:

Class of share	Shares
A shares	839 394 096
B shares	390 219 008
Total	1 229 613 104
- of which A shares	
held by Atlas Copco	14 800 016
- of which B shares	
held by Atlas Copco	119 159
Total shares outstanding, net of	
shares held by Atlas Copco	1 214 693 929

Performance-based personnel option plan

The Annual General Meeting 2019 approved a performance-based long-term incentive program. For Group Management and division presidents, the plan requires management's own investment in Atlas Copco shares. The intention is to cover Atlas Copco's obligation under the plan through the repurchase of the company's own shares. For further information, see www.atlascopcogroup.com/agm

Transactions in own shares

Atlas Copco has mandates to acquire and sell own shares as per below:

- Acquisition of not more than 4 250 000 series A shares, whereof a maximum of 4 150 000 may be transferred to personnel stock option holders under the performance-based stock option plan 2019.
- Acquisition of not more than 70 000 series A shares to hedge the obligation of the company to pay remuneration to Board members who have chosen to receive 50% of the remuneration in synthetic shares.

- The sale of not more than 30 000 series A shares to cover costs related to previously issued synthetic shares to Board members.
- The sale of a maximum 11 000 000 series A and B shares currently held by the company, for the purpose of covering costs of fulfilling obligations related to the option plans 2014, 2015 and 2016.
- The shares may only be acquired or sold on NASDAQ Stockholm at a price within the registered price interval at any given time.

During the first six month of 2019, 1 979 887 series A shares, net, were sold. These transactions are in accordance with mandates granted. The company's holding of own shares at the end of the period appears in the table to the left.

Risks and factors of uncertainty

Financial risks

Atlas Copco AB is subject to currency risks, interest rate risks, tax risks, and other financial risks. In line with the overall goals with respect to growth, return on capital, and protecting creditors, Atlas Copco has adopted a policy to control the financial risks to which Atlas Copco AB and the Group is exposed. A financial risk management committee meets regularly to manage and follow up financial risks, in line with the policy.

For further information, see the 2018 annual report.

Related parties

There have been no significant changes in the relationships or transactions with related parties for the Group or Parent Company compared with the information given in the annual report 2018.

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This is Atlas Copco

Atlas Copco Group is a world-leading provider of sustainable productivity solutions. The Group offers customers innovative compressors, air treatment systems, vacuum solutions, industrial power tools and assembly systems, and power and flow solutions. Atlas Copco develops products and services focused on productivity, energy efficiency, safety and ergonomics. The company was founded in 1873, is based in Stockholm, Sweden, and has a global reach spanning more than 180 countries. In 2018, Atlas Copco had revenues of BSEK 95 (BEUR 9) and approximately 37 000 employees.

Business areas

Atlas Copco has four business areas. The business areas are responsible for developing their respective operations by implementing and following up on strategies and objectives to achieve sustainable, profitable growth.

The **Compressor Technique** business area provides compressed air solutions; industrial compressors, gas and process compressors and expanders, air and gas treatment equipment and air management systems. The business area has a global service network and innovates for sustainable productivity in the manufacturing, oil and gas, and process industries. Principal product development and manufacturing units are located in Belgium, the United States, China, India, Germany and Italy.

The Vacuum Technique business area provides vacuum products, exhaust management systems, valves and related products mainly under the Edwards, Leybold and Atlas Copco brands. The main markets served are semiconductor and scientific as well as a wide range of industrial segments including chemical process industries, food packaging and paper handling. The business area has a global service network and innovates for sustainable productivity in order to further improve its customers' performance. Principal product development and manufacturing units are located in the United Kingdom, Czech Republic, Germany, South Korea, China and Japan.

The **Industrial Technique** business area provides, through a global network, industrial power tools and assembly solutions, including tightening, bolting, riveting, adhesive dispensing, quality assurance products, material removal, software and service. The business area innovates for sustainable productivity for customers in the automotive and general industries, maintenance and vehicle service. Principal product development and manufacturing units are located in Sweden, Germany, United States, United Kingdom, France, Japan and Hungary.

The **Power Technique** business area provides air, power and flow solutions through products such as mobile compressors, pumps, light towers and generators, along with a number of complementary products. It also offers specialty rental and provides services through a dedicated, global network. Guided by a forward-thinking approach to innovation, Power Technique provides sustainable productivity solutions across multiple industries, including construction, manufacturing, oil and gas and exploration drilling. Principal product development and manufacturing units are located in Belgium, Spain, the United States, China and India.

Vision, mission and strategy

The Atlas Copco Group's vision is to become and remain First in Mind—First in Choice of its customers and other principal stakeholders. The mission is to achieve sustainable, profitable growth. Sustainability plays an important role in Atlas Copco's vision and it is an integral aspect of the Group's mission. An integrated sustainability strategy, backed by ambitious goals, helps the company deliver greater value to all its stakeholders in a way that is economically, environmentally and socially responsible.

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Conference call

A presentation for investors, analysts and media will be held on July 15, 2019 at 2.00 PM CEST.

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The conference call will be broadcasted. Please see our website for link and presentation material:

http://www.atlascopcogroup.com/investor-relations
The recorded audio presentation will be available on our
homepage following the conference call.

Third-quarter report 2019

The Q3 2019 report will be published on October 21, 2019. (Silent period starts September 23, 2019)

Capital Markets Day 2019

Atlas Copco will host its annual Capital Markets Day on November 26, 2019 in the Brighton area in the United Kingdom.

Fourth-quarter report 2019

The Q4 2019 report will be published on January 28, 2020. (Silent period starts December 31, 2019)

This information is information that Atlas Copco AB is obliged to make public pursuant to the EU Market Abuse Regulation and the Securities Markets Act. The information was submitted for publication, through the contact person set out above, at 12.00 CEST on July 15, 2019.

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The Board of Directors and President declare that the interim report gives a fair view of the business development, financial position and result of operation of the Parent Company and the consolidated Group, and describes significant risks and uncertainties that the parent company and its subsidiaries are facing.

Nacka, July 15, 2019

Atlas Copco AB

Hans Stråberg <i>Chairman</i>		a Berg ector	Staffan Bohman <i>Director</i>		
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Auditors' Review Report

Introduction

We have reviewed the interim report for Atlas Copco AB for the period January 1 - June 30, 2019. The Board of Directors and the President are responsible for the preparation and presentation of this interim report in accordance with IAS 34 and the Annual Accounts Act. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on this interim report based on our review.

Scope of Review

We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements ISRE 2410, Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity. A review consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review has a different focus

and is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with ISA and other generally accepted auditing practices. The procedures performed in a review do not enable us to obtain a level of assurance that would make us aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Therefore, the conclusion expressed based on a review does not give the same level of assurance as a conclusion expressed based on an audit.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the interim report is not, in all material respects, prepared for the Group in accordance with IAS 34 and the Annual Accounts Act, and for the Parent Company in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act.

Nacka, July 15, 2019

Deloitte AB

Thomas Strömberg
Authorized Public Accountant