

**Wording of the statement by the Nomination Committee commenting on its proposal regarding the Board members as required by the Code of Corporate Governance clause 2.6. The statement will be put on the Atlas Copco's website the same day as the Notice of the AGM, i.e. March 17, 2011**

As further outlined in the Corporate Governance Report, the Nomination Committee has been active in the process of evaluating the individual Board members prior to making the proposal to the Annual General Meeting 2011 stated in the Notice of the Annual General meeting published to day.

Based on the result of this process, it is the opinion of the Nomination Committee that the proposed Board represents professional experience, knowledge and competence well in line with the requirements of the Atlas Copco Group considering its world wide operations and phase of development and in particular from the perspective that the Board members represent different relevant industrial sectors as well as the financial community. A certain concentration on representatives with very long experience from metal and mechanical engineering industries with global reach, that are sectors where Atlas Copco operates, can be noted, which the Nomination Committee considers to be particularly valuable in times of major changes in the market place.

Out of the elected Board members three are women and six are men.