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## Edwards to expand Semiconductor offering with the planned addition of Brooks Automation's cryogenic business

BURGESS HILL, UK. (28<sup>th</sup> August 2018) - Atlas Copco Group has announced its agreement to acquire the cryogenic business of Brooks Automation, Inc through its wholly owned US entity Edwards Vacuum LLC. Once the deal is complete, which is expected to be in the first quarter of 2019, it will significantly expand Edwards' offering to the global semiconductor industry.

Brooks Automation, headquartered in Chelmsford, USA is a market leader in the provision of advanced cryopumps and associated products for the semiconductor industry through its CTI-Cryogenics and Polycold brands.

The acquisition includes cryopump operations in Chelmsford, MA and Monterrey, Mexico as well as a worldwide network of sales and service centres. Brooks Automation's 50% shareholding in Japan-based joint venture company Ulvac Cryogenics Inc is also part of the deal.

The acquired business will become part of the Semiconductor and Semiconductor Service divisions within Atlas Copco's Vacuum Technique business area and will significantly expand Edwards' chamber solutions offering to customers in the semiconductor industry.

Paul Rawlings, President of the Semiconductor division, said: "The acquisition of Brooks Automation's cryogenic business will help us cement our position as a trusted partner to the world's leading semiconductor OEMs by enabling the expansion of our current chamber solutions offering through the addition of new technologies and products." The planned acquisition is subject to regulatory approvals.

Further information about Edwards can be found at [www.edwardsvacuum.com](http://www.edwardsvacuum.com)

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Edwards has over 4,000 employees worldwide engaged in the design, manufacture and support of high technology vacuum and exhaust management equipment and has state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities in Europe, Asia and North America. Edwards is part of the Atlas Copco group.

**Semiconductor** is a division within Atlas Copco's Vacuum Technique business area. It develops and manufactures sophisticated vacuum products, exhaust management systems and integrated solutions for customers and original equipment manufacturers in the semiconductor, solar, display and LED sectors. The division markets products under the Edwards and CSK brands. The division's focus is on innovation and to deliver safe, environmental and productive solutions that drive value for customers. The divisional headquarters is located in the United Kingdom and its main production facilities are located in the United States, Japan, South Korea, and the United Kingdom.

**Atlas Copco** is a world-leading provider of sustainable productivity solutions. The Group serves customers through its innovative compressors, vacuum solutions, generators, pumps, power tools and assembly systems. 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 2017, Atlas Copco (excluding Epiroc AB) had revenues of BSEK 86 (BEUR 9) and about 34 000 employees. Learn more at [www.atlascopcogroup.com](http://www.atlascopcogroup.com).