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### Alfa Laval continues to expand its product portfolio – acquires leading wastewater treatment company

Alfa Laval – a world leader in heat transfer, centrifugal separation and fluid handling – has acquired Ashbrook Simon-Hartley, a leading provider of belt filter presses, which is a complement and alternative to Alfa Laval's decanter range in the dewatering of municipal and industrial wastewater. Ashbrook Simon-Hartley is headquartered in Houston, Texas, USA, with offices in the UK, Chile and Brazil, and has an installed base in many countries around the world.

Lars Renström, President and CEO of the Alfa Laval Group, comments on the acquisition: "I'm very pleased that we have been able to acquire Ashbrook Simon-Hartley. With this acquisition we are adding a complementary and expanded range of products and solutions further strengthening our offer for municipal and industrial wastewater treatment applications."

The intention is to integrate Ashbrook Simon-Hartley into Alfa Laval. The company will be consolidated into Alfa Laval from August 1, 2012.

**Did you know that...** Ashbrook Simon-Hartley was founded more than 100 years ago, had sales of approximately SEK 500 million in 2011 and has about 250 employees?

#### **About Alfa Laval**

Alfa Laval is a leading global provider of specialized products and engineering solutions based on its key technologies of heat transfer, separation and fluid handling.

The company's equipment, systems and services are dedicated to assisting customers in optimizing the performance of their processes. The solutions help them to heat, cool, separate and transport products in industries that produce food and beverages, chemicals and petrochemicals, pharmaceuticals, starch, sugar and ethanol.

Alfa Laval's products are also used in power plants, aboard ships, in the mechanical engineering industry, in the mining industry and for wastewater treatment, as well as for comfort climate and refrigeration applications.

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Alfa Laval's worldwide organization works closely with customers in nearly 100 countries to help them stay ahead in the global arena.

Alfa Laval is listed on Nasdaq OMX, and, in 2011, posted annual sales of about SEK 28.6 billion (approx. 3.2 billion Euros). The company has today about 16 000 employees.

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