

Press release

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## **HEXPOL acquires Robbins – a leading U.S. rubber compounding company**

HEXPOL has acquired Robbins Holdings, Inc. including Robbins LLC. Robbins is a leading US rubber compounder and a global leader in molded envelopes and curing tubes for especially truck, heavy equipment and airplane tires.

*“The acquisition is a very good compliment to HEXPOL Compounding and broadens our presence with rubber compounds into end user markets like agriculture, mining, oil and gas. It also brings a global leadership in molded envelopes and curing tubes to the tire industry”*

*Georg Brunstam, CEO HEXPOL Group*

Robbins has an estimated annual turnover of approximately 100 MUSD with around 240 employees and has three production facilities in the US; Muscle Shoals, AL, Findlay, OH and Tallapoosa, GA.

The acquired business has an EBITDA margin slightly lower than the HEXPOL Group and is expected to have a positive impact on earnings per share from the start. The acquisition price amounts to 89.2 MUSD on a debt free basis, and is funded by a combination of cash and existing bank loans. Integration and transaction cost of 15-20 MSEK will be charged in Q4 2012. Robbins will be consolidated from December 2012.

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