

PRESS RELEASE

Thomas Concrete Group opens new plant for pre-casted concrete north of Stockholm Annual Production for 4,000 New Apartments

Gothenburg, October 5th 2017

Thomas Concrete Group's brand-new plant in Heby, north of Stockholm, Sweden, opened last week. In two working shifts it can produce pre-cast, reinforced double-walls and slabs in volumes sufficient to build approximately 4,000 new apartments per year in the Stockholm area, where there is a severe housing shortage. "The new Heby plant will enable us to meet the needs of the market and help solve housing shortages," says Hans Karlander, CEO of Thomas Concrete Group.

Prefabricated double-walls and slabs are tailor-made in the new Heby plant to meet specific applications, with electrical installations, wiring and pipework all put in place on an assembly line before the casting process begins. After curing in a hardening chamber, the prefabricated elements are then delivered to the building site, where they are mounted into a site-cast concrete frame. This construction method is rational, simple and fast, giving shorter build times than conventional methods.

"As a Swedish-owned family company that operates internationally, it is still natural for us to invest in Sweden," says Hans Karlander, President and CEO of Thomas Concrete Group. "Our growing home market is very important. In recent years, we have strengthened our position in the major Swedish cities of Stockholm and Gothenburg, as well as investing in a number of new ready-mixed concrete plants in the US, Germany and Poland. The Group's strategy is continued growth with a strong focus on customer service."

Last year, the Group launched a unique sustainable building system, Thomas Miljöstomme[®], with 30% lower CO₂ footprint than conventional methods. The system is based on prefabricated walls, slabs and balconies in combination with ready-mixed concrete. The pre-cast double walls and pre-cast slabs are now produced in the new Heby factory.

The Heby plant is the result of a 100 million SEK approx. investment and will provide about 35 new jobs. Part of its production capacity is already contracted by the Swedish construction company JM. The Heby plant is certified according to Green Building, SGBC, standards which ensure its energy consumption is at least 25% lower than the requirements of the Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning's rules.

With its very long-life cycle, concrete contributes to a sustainable society. Concrete is a non-organic material that neither burns nor mold. With well documented qualities, it is an attractive building material, and industrially efficient for sustainable construction.

For more information contact:

Hans Karlander, President and CEO Thomas Concrete Group AB
hans.karlander@thomasconcretegroup.com
Phone: +46 10 450 50 00

About Thomas Concrete Group AB

Thomas Concrete Group is a Swedish family-owned company which produces and distributes high-quality concrete for cast in place construction. The company was established in 1955 in Karlstad, Sweden, by Martin Thomas and currently operates in the USA, Poland, Germany, Norway and Sweden. Headquarters are in Gothenburg, Sweden. The Group has 1,650 employees, in 2016 produced 4.3 million m³ of concrete with sales of approximately SEK 5 billion.