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Arvid Nordquist signs agreements with Stockholm Gas and Gasnätet Stockholm Gas AB

Sweden's first coffee roastery driven with renewable energy

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Arvid Nordquist has signed agreements with Stockholm Gas AB and Gasnätet Stockholm AB that will enable the Company to operate the first coffee roastery in Sweden to be driven with renewable biogas energy. As of the first quarter 2017, Stockholm Gas will start to supply biogas to the roasting machines at Arvid Norquist's coffee roastery. On an annual basis, the carbon footprint will be reduced by 1,100 tonnes CO_2e, which is equivalent to the emissions from 7 million kilometres of car-driving. At the same time, the number of transports to the roastery in Solna outside Stockholm will be reduced.

For Arvid Nordquist, the concept of quality also implies taking responsibility for the environment and people within the entire value chain of skilfully producing the best coffee. Arvid Nordquist has delivered 100 percent sustainably certified coffee since summer 2014 so as to take into consideration the environment and people within the cultivation phase. Success within our sustainability work is the result of a long-term process that was started already in the 1990s. The coffee roastery has used renewable electricity, heating and cooling for some time now, but the use of LPG for the roasting machines has remained. It is a challenge for all coffee roasteries to find a solution to roast coffee with renewable fuel.

"Our roastery is quality- and environmentally certified, and we continuously endeavour to minimise our impact on the climate and environment. We are proud that we will have the first coffee roastery in Sweden driven with renewable energy, thanks to our agreements with Stockholm Gas AB and Gasnätet Stockholm AB. This in turn implies that we will achieve already in 2017, by a considerable margin, one of the sustainability goals that we set for 2020 – and 76 percent of our coffee operations will be driven with renewable energy next year with regard to roasting and distribution. The goal was 50 percent. Arvid Nordquist is also the only coffee roastery in the Nordic region that exclusively uses sustainably certified coffee beans. That we will now go over to biogas in the roastery is an additional very positive milestone in our sustainability process," says Peter Dannqvist, Sustainability Manager at Arvid Nordquist

"The cooperation agreement with Arvid Nordquist is very important. We can now add coffee roasting to the list of our customer-activities within gastronomy, and Arvid Nordquist is the first company with large-scale food production that has chosen biogas. Our ambition is to help our customers to continue working with their craftsmanship in a sustainable way, and we have noted an increasing demand for biogas," says Renée Josefsson, CEO of Stockholm Gas AB.

Biogas forms part of the Earth's natural cycle and is a renewable, fossil-free energy source. Biogas does not require any storage or transportation. Deliveries to Arvid Nordquist will take place directly via the gas pipeline network, and not by road transport. Gasnätet Stockholm is currently building a pipeline from the gas network to Arvid Nordquist so as to enable the roasting of coffee beans with biogas in Solna. Biogas reduces the emission of carbon dioxide by 85-96 percent compared with LPG. Renewable biogas thereby provides a fuel with significantly lower impact on the environment.

"Each connection of biogas to the gas network contributes to a more sustainable urban environment, and Arvid Nordquist is a pioneer within sustainability," says Cecilia Hedqvist, CEO of Gasnätet Stockholm AB.

Arvid Nordquist is a food company that also takes responsibility for residual food products, and will partly complete the cycle by supplying biogas to the roastery. By taking the step to locally produced biogas, the Company will contribute to an increasingly circular economy within the Stockholm region.

The first packets of coffee roasted using biogas will be available in shops and stores in the first quarter of 2017.

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Summary

1996 Arvid Nordquist launched the first ecological coffee.
2003 The Company became environmentally certified.
2004 Arvid Nordquist began the transition to sustainably certified coffee.
2011 Arvid Nordquist decided to climate-compensate coffee production throughout the entire value chain.
2014 As the first Swedish coffee roastery, Arvid Nordquist went over to using 100% sustainably certified coffee beans – thereby guaranteeing that coffee is produced with consideration to people and the environment and, for example, minimising the risk of child labour, discrimination and the use of prohibited pesticides within the cultivation phase. 100% sustainably certified coffee enables a third-party control at both the cultivator and the company Arvid Nordquist. By exclusively using sustainably certified coffee, Arvid Nordquist contributed with SEK 40 million in premiums last year to cultivators in order to support improvements to the environment and working conditions. The Company also contributed SEK 3 million to the plantation of trees in deforested areas of developing countries.

About Arvid Nordquist

Arvid Nordquist HAB is a Swedish family business that has since 1884 taken the world's savours to markets in the Nordic region through strong international brands and our own locally roasted coffee. Arvid Nordquist supplies coffee, food, wine and beer to retailers, restaurants and wholesalers across the Nordic region. We work actively to reduce our impact on the environment and people by focusing on sustainably certified production with third-party control, identified environmental goals, training, and climate compensation through the planting of trees. Arvid Nordquist has the only coffee roastery in the Nordic region that is driven by totally renewable energy sources. Our sustainability investments have also had an effect on sales, where Arvid Nordquist's coffee has been the fastest growing coffee brand in recent years. Arvid Nordquist has also performed a third-party analysis of how well the Company's sustainability work matches the UN's global development goals – an instructive process that helps us to continue our sustainability work. Arvid Nordquist employs 220 people, and is present in all Nordic countries. Sales in 2015 amounted to SEK 2,044 million. In addition to Arvid Nordquist coffee, we handle well-known brands that include HiPP baby food, Kellogg's, Tabasco, and Bollinger.

About Stockholm Gas AB
Stockholm Gas AB supplies natural gas, biogas and urban gas to approximately 65,000 private households, 850 restaurants, the transport sector and a number of industries in Stockholm, Solna and Sundbyberg. Through long-term planning, transparency and customer focus, our ambition is to be the natural choice for Stockholm's inhabitants – and to be one of Sweden's leading gas suppliers based on tradition, customer needs and looking ahead to a sustainable future where biogas will dominate. Stockholm Gas AB is a wholly owned subsidiary of AB Fortum Värme co-owned with the City of Stockholm.

About Gasnätet Stockholm AB
Gasnätet Stockholm AB supplies gas to approximately 65,000 apartments, detached houses, restaurants and industries in Stockholm, Solna and Sundbyberg. We also supply gas to filling stations and bus depots, as well as owning a gasification facility – which contributes to lower emissions in traffic and to Sweden's environmental goal of a fossil-free vehicle park by the year 2030. Biogas currently represents about 35 percent of the distributed gas, and our vision is that all gas in the future will be biogas.