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Sweden's Ambassador Jonas Hafström to Visit Winston-Salem

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (APRIL 7, 2008) – The law firm of Wall Esleeck Babcock LLP will host a visit to Winston-Salem by Sweden's Ambassador to the United States, Jonas Hafström, in early May. Ambassador Hafström is scheduled to be in the Triad May 1-2 and will attend a number of business development and private functions, most of them in Winston-Salem.

While in the Triad, Ambassador Hafström will tour Volvo Trucks in Greensboro, have lunch with elected and business officials in Winston-Salem, tour the Piedmont Triad Research Park, attend a private evening function hosted by Wall Esleeck Babcock and will conclude his visit with a tour of the campus of Wake Forest University.

"Our state has a long and successful history of working with Sweden, and I believe even more can be done to foster Swedish business and cultural development in North Carolina," said Jim Wall, a founding partner at Wall Esleeck Babcock. "Linda McCarty, who is a native of Sweden and an attorney at our firm, facilitated the Ambassador's visit. She has a good relationship with the Honorary Swedish Consul in North Carolina, Magnus Natt och Dag and with the North Carolina Department of Commerce, and they all work together to bolster Swedish-American relations."

"A visit to the Triad by the Ambassador will provide an opportunity for him to learn about Swedish-American business and educational collaboration, including the Piedmont Triad Research Park. The Ambassador's visit will allow Winston-Salem and the Research Park to shine at the international level" Wall added. "The research park has fostered technical exchanges between academic researchers and industry experts in North Carolina and Sweden. Wake Forest University also has a collaborative relationship with Chalmers University in Sweden."

"Winston-Salem is honored to host Ambassador Hafström," Winston-Salem Mayor Allen Joines said. "We welcome the opportunity to explore ways that Winston-Salem and Sweden could nurture a mutually beneficial relationship."

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