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Unipart recognised as one of top companies in UK for carbon emissions reduction

The Unipart Group has been awarded the Carbon Trust Standard, a mark of excellence which recognises organisations at the forefront on tackling climate change. Unipart received the award for demonstrating an ongoing commitment to measuring, managing and most importantly, reducing its carbon emissions.

Based on a rigorous, independent assessment, the Carbon Trust Standard is awarded to companies which have taken direct and genuine action to measure, manage and reduce their carbon emissions, rather than paying to off-set their emissions. To achieve the Carbon Trust Standard Unipart has been measuring its carbon footprint over the past three years and has reduced it significantly through coordinated energy saving initiatives across its UK operations.

Projects include installing low energy lighting and intelligent energy management systems which control heating and ventilation, at major sites, together with more specific initiatives such as installing a telematics system in its Unipart Automotive van fleet, which resulted in a reduction of over 100 vehicles, substantially reducing fuel emissions.

“We started by setting up Energy Management for Unipart (EMU) - a cross divisional ‘think tank’ to generate new ideas on how to manage and reduce our carbon emissions,” said Paul Goose, Unipart’s Corporate Social Responsibility Manager,

“EMU is now well established and is backed up by the appointment of environmental champions at our major sites, who are responsible for implementing and driving through ideas that come out of EMU.

“This has been crucial in getting buy-in at a local level so that our energy initiatives touch every part of our organisation and are sustainable long term.”

Commenting on the award, Unipart's Group Chief Executive, John Neill said: "The Unipart Way – our company's approach to engaging people in operational excellence – focuses on reducing waste at every level of the organisation.

"By using the tools and techniques of the Unipart Way we have been able to measure and monitor our carbon emissions and analyse the data from these measurements. We then used our creative problem solving tools to develop new, intelligent solutions to manage our energy usage across the business and achieve a sustainable reduction in our carbon emissions. "

Harry Morrison, General Manager of the Carbon Trust Standard said: "We congratulate the Unipart Group on their certification. Carbon is a complex issue so most people need shorthand to indicate whether a company is doing the right thing. Achieving the Standard allows the Unipart Group to talk with integrity about the serious and credible steps it has taken to reduce its carbon emissions."

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Editors' Notes:

About The Unipart Group

The Unipart Group employs more than 10,000 personnel worldwide and has an annual turnover of more than £1billion. It is a leading full service logistics provider and consultant in operational excellence.

Operating across a range of market sectors, including automotive, leisure, marine, manufacturing, mobile telecoms, rail, retail and technology, Unipart offers a breadth of services from third party logistics to expert consultancy.

All Unipart sites operate according to the Group's proprietary version of Lean known as The Unipart Way. This is a philosophy of working underpinned by tools and techniques that inspires efficiency, flexibility and outstanding customer service in any process.

Unipart also offers expert consultancy in implementing Lean principles and in supply chain management across a variety of industry sectors.

The Group's clients include Sainsbury's, ASOS.com, Homebase, Vodafone, 3, BSkyB, Jaguar Land Rover and HMRC.

About the Carbon Trust Standard

- For further information or interviews on the Carbon Trust Standard, please contact Maria Stefanova on 0207832 4828 or CarbonTrustStandardPR@carbontrust.co.uk .
- All businesses and organisations, both in the UK and internationally, are eligible to apply for the Carbon Trust Standard including FTSEs, mid caps, SMEs and public sector organisations. Organisations that are awarded the Carbon Trust Standard hold it for a two year period and to maintain the certification they must

reapply and demonstrate that they have continued to make year-on-year reductions in their carbon emissions.

- Organisations wanting information about getting the Carbon Trust Standard can call: 0800 019 1443 or visit www.carbontruststandard.com.
- Organisations that are certified with the Carbon Trust Standard are listed at www.carbontruststandard.com/UsingtheStandard/CurrentStandardBearers.aspx
- There are over 350 organisations that have achieved the Carbon Trust Standard. Total carbon footprint certified by the Carbon Trust Standard is now nearly 35 million tonnes of CO₂e. This is equivalent to 10% of the total carbon footprint of UK businesses and transport.
- Through a commitment to continually reducing their carbon footprint, Carbon Trust Standard achievers have together cut their emissions by 2.8 million tonnes of CO₂ and have saved the equivalent of £102 million associated with reductions in gas, electricity and fuel use.
- Carbon Trust Standard achievers are genuinely leading the way in real carbon reduction and demonstrating that it is possible to de-carbonise your business year on year and still be successful.

About the Carbon Trust

The Carbon Trust is a not-for-profit company with the mission to accelerate the move to a low carbon economy, providing specialist support to business and the public sector to help cut carbon emissions, save energy and commercialise low carbon technologies. By stimulating low carbon action we contribute to key UK goals of lower carbon emissions, the development of low carbon businesses, increased energy security and associated jobs.

We help to cut carbon emissions now by

- Providing specialist advice and finance to help organisations cut carbon
- Setting standards for carbon reduction

We reduce potential future carbon emissions by

- Opening markets for low carbon technologies
- Leading industry collaborations to commercialise technologies
- Investing in early stage low carbon companies