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Unipart Counts on Environmental Performance

Hot on the heels of its designation as a "Company that Counts", when it achieved Gold status for the second year running in Business in the Community's Corporate Responsibility Index, Unipart has released the latest highlights of its environmental performance.

Unipart's 2008 BITC Environmental Index rating for environmental performance was in the top Platinum category, serving as an indication of the company's commitment to addressing its contribution to climate change.

The amount of waste recycled by the Group's fifteen principal sites has risen by two thirds in the last two years from 37.5% in January to June 2006 to 58% in the same period this year.

Cowley Distribution Centre, the Group's recycling flagship with almost 98% of its waste being recycled through its newly-refurbished Recycling Centre, has been a source of inspiration for our other sites, a further six of which are now recycling in excess of 80% of their waste and striving to achieve the standard set by Cowley.

Unipart's efforts to further improve its environmental performance are coordinated by a series of groups with specific areas of focus. EMU (Energy Management for Unipart), for instance, shares best practice on green energy sourcing and water usage across the Group, whilst the Waste Reduction Group leads on waste recycling.

The Unipart Way is central to the Group's environmental improvements, with visual management boards at each site and Our Contribution Counts (OCCs) circles producing employee-led initiatives to reduce the environmental impact of the Group's operations.

As employee engagement is a central platform of the Unipart Way, raising awareness of environmental issues both at work and at home has also been fundamental to the Group's class-leading approach. A Group-wide Environment Week was held at the beginning of May to coincide with the Prince of Wales' May Day Event, and featured exhibitions and information provided by Unipart's suppliers and a range of Government agencies and local councils, all of which was captured on a dedicated website for employees to access when required.

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According to Unipart's Group Environmental Manager, Paul Sawko, "The shift to sourcing the majority of our energy from renewable sources, combined with other initiatives on waste and water, has resulted in a decrease of 40% in the Group's carbon footprint over the last year."

Full details of Unipart's environmental initiatives and performance will be available in the Group's 2007 CSR Report.

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Notes to editors:

About the Environment Index

The BITC's Environment Index is an annual business-led, self-assessed environmental survey that benchmarks companies against both their sector peers, and all other companies that participate in it on the basis of their environmental management and performance.

About Unipart

The Unipart Group employs more than 9000 personnel worldwide and has an annual turnover of more than £1billion.

Unipart Logistics provides retail logistics for Halfords, ASOS.com and Homebase technology logistics for Vodafone UK, 3 and BSkyB, and aerospace logistics for Airbus, as well as managing worldwide logistics for all Jaguar aftermarket parts.

Unipart also offers expert consultancy in implementing Lean principles across a variety of industry sectors as well as supply chain specific expertise.

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