

For immediate release 15 April 2009

Contact: John-Paul Warner, Communications Manager Tel. 01865 383031  
E: john-paul\_warner@unipart.co.uk

## Unipart Scores Hat Trick of Gold Awards

For a third time, Unipart has won top honours for its environmental and community programmes.

Business in the Community has awarded the company gold status in its Corporate Responsibility Index, the UK's leading benchmark for responsible business. This places Unipart amongst some of the top companies in the world.

According to BiTC, top companies demonstrate clear commitments to improve continually in four key areas: the environment, the community, the workplace and in their marketplaces. To win a gold award, Unipart had to be assessed and score highly in each of the categories, showing its maintenance of the balance between environmental, workplace and social performance.

"This is a great achievement for all of our people who have worked so hard in environmental and community programmes, and in programmes involving our customers and suppliers," said Unipart CEO John Neill.

"It is really a story of how a company can create a set of values and then bring them to life through the day-to-day actions of our employees. From our earliest days of opening the Unipart U to our current training programmes that enable our people to become qualified as 'expert practitioners', Unipart has put great store in the belief that learning and problem solving are fundamental to engaging people. Our corporate responsibility programmes reflect that philosophy and extend it to our key stakeholders."

Unipart's approach to creative problem solving is just one example of how highly trained, highly motivated people have applied their skills to environmental or community problems.

For instance, more than 70 problem solving teams focused on reducing the company's environmental impact with one site aiming to completely eliminate landfill waste through recycling programmes. Another site has implemented so many energy saving solutions that it has become a showcase for energy saving technologies.

/...

2.

Some 20 teams in another part of the company worked on improving customer strategies in the automotive sector. As a result, parts availability and quality have increased to record levels.

While working with the community in Oxfordshire, another team developed a programme to offer a group of five homeless trainees two weeks' work experience with the potential for ongoing employment. This resulted in three of the trainees being employed on the site.

"Across our group of companies, there are many Unipart people pursuing our corporate responsibility goals in the community, in our marketplaces and in environmental programmes," said John Neill. "This third gold award is a great tribute to their efforts and our shared commitment to developing people within our company to excel in everything they do through training, coaching and a strong philosophy of continuous improvement that our people bring to life everyday."

**Ends**

**Notes to editors:**

**About Unipart Group**

The Unipart Group employs more than 8,000 personnel worldwide and has an annual turnover of more than £1billion. It is one of Europe's leading logistics companies and a widely-recognised pioneer in the field of Lean implementation.

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 Halfords, ASOS.com, Homebase, Vodafone, Hutchison 3G, BSkyB, Jaguar, Severn Trent Water and HMRC.