

Press Release

BSI Management Systems UK becomes CarbonNeutral®

BSI Management Systems UK has today announced that it will be making all of its rigorous systems assessments and verifications, including those for the environmental management system ISO 14001, CarbonNeutral®. This is a significant step for a certification body to take such action on its climate change impacts and become CarbonNeutral.

Climate change impacts and carbon emissions have become an increasingly important part of BSI Management Systems' work when assessing and verifying clients against its environmental standards. The company therefore felt that it should be setting the standard and taking a leadership position for best practice on tackling carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions.

To achieve this CarbonNeutral status BSI Management Systems UK worked with The CarbonNeutral Company to measure the CO₂ emissions from the activities involved in assessments and verifications. It has been calculated that every assessor-day will create around 50kg of CO₂ and over a three month period will be equivalent to 500 tonnes. These emissions will be monitored and assessed on a quarterly basis.

Advice was given by the CarbonNeutral company on how to reduce these emissions and BSI has implemented projects to minimise its carbon footprint such as reducing assessor mileage via workload balancing, reducing waste and increasing recycling at its offices.

All of the unavoidable emissions that remain have been offset through a combination of renewable energy and sustainable forestry projects. The projects that BSI Management Systems is supporting were selected by its 500 staff at the beginning of the year and are a micro-hydro project in Bulgaria, the Forest of Marston Vale community forestry project in Bedfordshire and the Whitelee Moor forestry project in the Northumberland Wildlife Trust.

Neil Hannah, Managing Director of BSI Management Systems UK comments: "Global warming is a serious issue for us all. We have taken the lead by ensuring that all our operations in BSI Management Systems UK are CarbonNeutral as of now and that emissions are reduced in future. We believe that others will follow this lead which can only be good for the environment and for all our futures."

Jonathan Shopley, CEO of The CarbonNeutral Company adds: "It is fantastic that BSI has taken this leadership position on climate change. The issues of tackling climate change and carbon dioxide emissions are increasingly important for companies who are trying to attain registration to ISO14001 and I think that this will only increase in future. It is a key indicator of this importance, that BSI has decided to show that it is keen to raise its own standards as well as encouraging its clients to take action on this issue."



Photo shows Neil Hannah - Managing Director, BSI Management Systems (right) receiving the certificate from Will Knights - Business Development Director from The Carbon Neutral Company.

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Notes to Editors:

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BSI Management Systems

BSI is a Royal Charter organisation and the world's oldest National Standards Body. Today BSI is made up of 3 groups: British Standards, Management Systems and Product Services, with services aimed at advancing industry and business in over 100 countries worldwide.

BSI Management Systems is one of the world's largest registration bodies, with over 44,000 clients around the world. We provide certification to clients for industry recognised standards, including ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001 and BS 7799, as well as many more industry specific standards.

The CarbonNeutral Company

The CarbonNeutral Company puts climate change at the heart of business strategy and finds ways of taking action which delivers value – commercial, environmental, personal.

The company works with over 200 B2B, B2C, NGO and Government clients including BSI Management Systems UK, Honda, Avis Europe, IUCN – The World Conservation Union, American Express, Berkeley Homes, Ricoh and the Radio Taxis Group as well as 80,000+ consumer clients.

CarbonNeutral® is the registered trademark of The CarbonNeutral Company and it is the world's leading brand mark for action on climate change. It means global warming emissions have been measured, reductions recommended, and the remaining emissions 'offset' through renewable energy and/or sustainable forestry projects.

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