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**Greenhouse gas emissions verification launched by BSI for the aviation industry**

*- Aviation industry now required to operate under the EU emissions trading scheme*

BSI is today launching a new Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions verification service for the aviation industry. This comes in response to the industry's requirement to comply with the EU Emissions Trading Scheme (EU ETS) whereby aviation operators are required to monitor their CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and submit a verified annual emissions report by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

Under the EU ETS, operators that run below their allocated level of emissions can profit from selling surplus allowances to other operators that exceed their GHG quota. The scheme will affect some 3000 commercial and non-commercial airlines which will all become members of the EU ETS. Undertaking BSI's greenhouse gas emissions verification will help companies within the aviation industry to comply with regulatory requirements and to achieve their free allocation of allowances.

Other benefits of verification include achieving credibility through the reporting and publishing of environmental information. This has implications for interested parties such as employees, customers, brokers, shareholders and insurance companies. Choosing BSI's independent verification provides assurance to stakeholders that the data is faithfully represented.

GHG emissions verification will also significantly enhance the robustness of in-house reporting. Within the verification process, BSI will review current systems for managing, measuring and monitoring GHG emissions and check that processes are in place to ensure calculations are based on the right data with the correct conversion factors. It can also implement internal auditing processes to identify potential areas of improvement.

Vicki Gommersall, product manager at BSI, comments, "Greenhouse gas emissions verification is based on the principles of internal management system standards ISO 14065 and ISO 14064. During 2008, BSI verified over 35 million tonnes of Co<sub>2</sub> allowances working

with clients from all sectors to ensure delivery of verified emissions reports within the regulatory timeframe. As part of the scheme, operators within the aviation industry can demonstrate sound risk management by gaining experience with the necessary procedures as soon possible before the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.”

For more information about GHG emissions verification, please visit [www.bsigroup.co.uk/GHG](http://www.bsigroup.co.uk/GHG)

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