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BIBBY DISTRIBUTION'S BRIGHT IDEAS CUT CARBON EMISSIONS FOR THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Bibby Distribution's long-term environmental strategy has cut the company's carbon footprint for the fourth year running, thanks to its ongoing investment of millions of pounds in facilities and fleet.

During 2016, the 3PL's total CO₂ emissions per km fell by 4.4 per cent compared with 2015.

That means that since 2011, there has been a 10 per cent cumulative reduction in the company's CO₂ emissions per km.

Bibby Distribution's ongoing reduction in emissions is in part thanks to the implementation of a new strategy to replace older, inefficient warehouses with modern, efficient ones in more practical locations.

Andrew Mawson, Bibby Distribution's Head of Safety, Health, Environment and Quality, says: "It's been challenging to reduce our carbon footprint by 10 per cent in five years, but it's well worth it as it means our customers in sectors such as retail and food benefit from low-carbon supply chains. That's why we've focused on developing more efficient ways of operating. It's better for the environment, but also ultimately, it's more cost-effective for our customers."

As part of its property investment programme, the 3PL has replaced its 1940s facility in Yeadon with a state-of-the-art new property in Wakefield. The new warehouse features LED lighting and new electric materials handling equipment (MHE) fleet with high frequency charging - reducing energy consumption by 60 per cent. Plus, as the warehouse is better located to serve Bibby Distribution customers, the 3PL has eliminated 540,000 road miles from contracts.

Other sustainable initiatives include the specification of more energy efficient vehicles. During 2016 Bibby invested in five new juice tankers, each fitted with a lightweight and robust chassis.

This allowed the average load per tanker to be increased by 4.2 per cent compared to the previous year and is the equivalent of taking 100 tanker loads off the road, significantly reducing CO₂ emissions.

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Notes to editors:

As one of the top ten logistics providers in the UK, Bibby Distribution exists to enable other companies to drive value from their supply chain activities. The company specialises in providing contract logistics, warehousing, distribution, systems integration and added value services to a wide range of customers.

Bibby Distribution operates from 90 locations across the UK, employs 2,000 people and manages 2million ft² of warehousing space.

The majority of Bibby Distribution's business is based on long-term partnerships. Its diverse capability also means it can share best practice across the various industry sectors it operates in, from Automotive to FMCG.

Bibby Distribution is part of Bibby Line Group, a diverse and forward-looking family business delivering personal, responsive and flexible customer solutions for over 200 years.

Bibby Line Group is a £1.4 billion business, operating in more than 20 countries, employing over 4,500 people in industries including retail, offshore, financial services, distribution, shipping, marine based businesses, plant hire and woodland burials.

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