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HIGH FIVE FOR BIBBY DISTRIBUTION AS CARBON EMISSIONS ARE CUT FOR THE FIFTH YEAR RUNNING

Bibby Distribution's expanded sustainability strategy has enabled the company to reduce its carbon footprint for a fifth consecutive year.

Continued investment in new, cleaner and more energy-efficient fleet assets and facilities has seen the 3PL drive down emissions as part of its Road to Zero policy.

Andrew Mawson, Bibby Distribution's Head of Safety, Health, Environment and Quality (SHEQ), says: "Our commitment to the environment and ethical business practices sits at the core of our business. We want zero harm, zero waste and zero environmental impact.

"Our strong sustainability strategy has played a role in us securing major contract renewals. We are proud of what we have achieved so far and are committed to going even further to improve in other areas – such as increased recycling, a reduction in waste going to landfill and researching and implementing renewable energy options."

The ongoing use of longer semi-trailers (LSTs), higher triple deck trailers and remould tyres has seen Bibby Distribution reduce the average amount of CO₂ produced per vehicle by 14 per cent since 2014, while every company site now has an appointed 'sustainability champion' to implement more efficient working practices.

Mawson adds: "Our sustainability strategy has seen us continue to update and upgrade our distribution fleet, and we are on course to have 95 per cent of our vehicles Euro VI compliant by the end of 2018.

"We have also expanded into new, more sustainable distribution sites, which has contributed to an overall reduction of CO₂ emissions per square foot of warehouse space by almost a fifth year-on-year."

The introduction of ultra-efficient smart LED lighting at Bibby Distribution's newest sites in Bury, Corby and Wakefield, as well as retrofitting the system at its Avonmouth facility, has cut lighting energy use by around 70 per cent.

Electric materials handling equipment is now standard at all new facilities while at Bibby Distribution's newest site at Corby, electricity is supplied on an approved Green Tariff, saving 133 tonnes of CO₂ each year.

Bibby Distribution will continue on its Road to Zero by retrofitting LED lighting at its Scunthorpe and Biggleswade sites by the end of the year and reducing its fleet carbon emissions further through driver training, telematics, investment in alternative fuels and vehicle innovation. The company aims to have its entire fleet Euro VI compliant by 2020.

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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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