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SKILLED DRIVERS HELP DELIVER 10 PER CENT CARBON SAVING FOR BIBBY DISTRIBUTION

Bibby Distribution has reduced its net carbon emissions by 10 per cent over the last five years through proficient driving, fleet investment and energy efficient warehouses.

A combination of enhanced driver training, new and more economical vehicles, fewer empty trailer runs, energy saving lighting and electric materials handling equipment (MHE) cut the company's carbon footprint in 2018 by a tenth, compared to that recorded in 2014.

Andrew Mawson, Bibby Distribution's Head of Safety, Health, Environment and Quality (SHEQ), says: "We have looked across the board at all the different ways we can reduce our environmental impact and the latest results show this work is paying off. Our drivers are playing a significant role through improved vehicle operation, our fleet is the most efficient we've ever had, and we've reduced empty runs by 40 per cent each month.

"The focus we've given to improving our warehousing practices has also delivered phenomenal results."

The 3PL's warehouse CO₂ emissions have been brought down by 60 per cent since 2014 following the introduction of ultra-efficient smart LED lighting at sites in Avonmouth, Biggleswade, Bury, Corby, Scunthorpe and Wakefield, and investment in electric MHE.

Bibby Distribution's approach to carbon reduction stems from its 'Road to Zero' strategy, which aims to create zero harm, zero waste and zero environmental impact from its operations.

Mawson adds: "In our line of work it isn't easy to reduce our carbon footprint, but we're determined to do so because it's better for the environment, and also improves the safety of our operations."

The introduction of tailored driving programmes has helped eliminate inefficient practices such as engine idling or harsh braking – cutting fleet carbon emissions, while also reducing Bibby Distribution's accident rate by 14.7 per cent over the last year.

The training has earned recognition for Bibby Distribution's drivers as the best in the industry at Microlise's Driver of the Year Awards earlier this year. Mark Field picked up the overall Driver of the Year and also won the 'Short Distance' category, John Hales was presented with a Lifetime Achievement award and Dale Coppin was runner-up in the HGV Hero category.

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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.

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