

COMFORTDELGRO AWARDED GREEN OFFICE LABEL BY THE SINGAPORE ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL

27 July 2009 – ComfortDelGro Corporation has been certified green by the Singapore Environment Council (SEC).

The “Green Office Label” was awarded to ComfortDelGro after an extensive audit session in which the Group’s environmental policies, consumption, waste management strategies and recycling practices were examined. Staff members were also interviewed to assess their environmental awareness and eco-friendly habits.

Ms Tammy Tan, Chairman of the Group’s Green Committee, said: “Since we launched our Green Statement in November 2007, we have embarked on many green initiatives. We are heartened to know that we are on the right track and we will definitely continue to do more.”

In the last 20 months, ComfortDelGro has introduced many environmentally friendly initiatives. For example, water-saving devices have been installed in all its operations. Motion sensors have also been installed to ensure that lights are only switched on when needed.

Two energy-saving initiatives which were introduced in 2008 have also resulted in significant savings – estimated at close to \$330,000 annually. The first involves linking the office lighting system to the Group’s staff security access control system, allowing for clusters of lights to be switched off automatically when staff in that area tap out of the office. This initiative, which was developed in-house, is now being expanded to include the air-conditioning system. The second project involves programming all personal computers to automatically switch to the power-saving mode when they are not in use.



Besides reducing consumption, ComfortDelGro has also embarked on a Groupwide recycling programme. Last year, a total of 32,000 kg of paper was recycled by the Group's operations in Singapore. Besides paper, obsolete computers, printers, cartridges and other electronic equipment are also sent for recycling. Staff have also been discouraged from using paper cups during meetings and encouraged to bring their own lunch boxes when they purchase food from the canteen.

On ComfortDelGro's certification, Mr Howard Shaw, Executive Director, Singapore Environment Council, said:" The SEC is pleased to see ComfortDelGro become the first transport-related company to be certified as a Green Office. While any given organisation may provide different services or sell different products, administrative operations across all industries do not vary that greatly. We applaud ComfortDelGro for addressing business sustainability at the most obvious but often overlooked place - the office environment."

BACKGROUND

ComfortDelGro is the world's second largest land transport company with a total fleet size of 44,000 buses, taxis and rental vehicles. Headquartered in Singapore, the Group also has operations in China, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, Vietnam and Malaysia.

ANNEX 1 - COMFORTDELGRO'S GREEN STATEMENT

The ComfortDelGro Group of Companies aims to minimise the impact of its activities on the environment by ensuring continuous improvement in environmental performance whilst bearing in mind prevailing technical and operational constraints. The Group is also committed to complying with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Our overall goal in environmental management is to minimise the harmful effects of our operations across Singapore, United Kingdom, Ireland, China, Australia, Vietnam and Malaysia on the environment. By striving to reduce the environmental footprint of each passenger journey, ComfortDelGro can contribute to reductions in air pollution from road transport and carbon dioxide emissions. A complete elimination of harmful emissions is however not possible and we will explore how best we can offset any negative impact we have on the environment.

We endeavour to continue to improve the management of our environmental impacts by reducing resource usage and minimising waste. We will continue to make on-going investments in new vehicles so as to reduce our emissions profile and we will continue to support research into alternative fuels.

Longer term, our environmental goals are:

- To improve our emissions profile per passenger journey or per passenger kilometre.
- To reduce the output of waste and to increase the proportion of waste reused/recycled.
- To improve the environmental management standards across the Group.
- To continue to encourage and promote the use of public transport so as to ensure a modal shift away from car use.
- To continue to support initiatives on research and trial the use of alternative fuels.

ANNEX 2 - COMFORTDELGRO'S KEY GREEN INITIATIVES

Vehicle Emission Reduction Measures

- In Singapore, the Group has over 4,400 Euro IV-compliant taxis on the road and more are expected as older vehicles are replaced.
- SBS Transit currently has 500 Euro IV buses in service. These new buses emit fewer harmful particulates into the atmosphere. In addition, exhaust gas re-circulation technology is employed to cleanse the fumes that are emitted.
- Since June 2009, over 100 new European Enhanced Environmentally Friendly Vehicles (EEVs) have been inducted into the fleet. These new buses are able to reduce the emission of unburnt hydrocarbons by 46% as compared to the standard Euro V models.
- SBS Transit's NEL (North East Line) and LRT trains do not emit any exhaust gas as they run on electricity.

Some Energy Conservation Measures

- Air-condition setting at the NEL stations is optimised to provide a comfortable temperature gradient between the train cabin and outside environment. This translates into an estimated \$300,000 in annual savings. In addition, lifts and escalators at the stations are equipped with an energy saving mode to reduce electricity consumption.
- All trains and LRT vehicles are equipped with a regenerative braking feature which converts dynamic energy into electrical energy which can then be used by other trains or the stations. This reduces electricity demand for train operations and the regenerated energy amounts to recovery of about 10% of train operation energy.
- Air-conditioning temperature in offices is set at a comfortable 24 degree Celsius.
- Personal computers, printers and photocopiers are set to power-saving mode when not in use.
- Motion sensors are installed in common areas to reduce energy consumption.

Waste Management / Recycling Programme

- Across the Group, vehicle batteries and other scrap materials from vehicles are sent for recycling.
- Paper recycling programme is implemented in all ComfortDelGro subsidiaries in Singapore.