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The Deritend Group Limited – the Midlands-based engineering maintenance firm that specialises in low carbon technologies – has been awarded the Carbon Trust Standard in recognition of its continued commitment to efficiency. The highly regarded certification is issued by the Carbon Trust Standard Company to organisations that have not only achieved a demonstrable reduction of their carbon footprint, but have also set out proactive measures to further reduce their emissions year on year. To achieve the Carbon Trust Standard, Deritend measured, managed and reduced its carbon emissions by more than 5% over the past three years.

For Deritend, whose focus has long been on helping its customers to become more energy efficient, the prestigious certification is a 'great achievement' that complements the engineering firm's efforts in driving sustainability across a number of industrial sectors.

"Being awarded the Carbon Trust Standard is a fantastic achievement for Deritend," said MD Richard Hale, "and one that strengthens our already sterling reputation as one of the leading authorities on energy efficiency for UK industry.

"Alongside our energy consultancy offering and our status as an authorised supplier of the Carbon Trust Zero Interest Loan scheme," added Hale, "the Carbon Trust Standard serves to demonstrate the value that we can add in proactively helping our customers to meet the ongoing challenges of sustainability that we are faced with."

Harry Morrison, General Manager of the Carbon Trust Standard said: "Being certified with the Carbon Trust Standard is proof that an organisation has taken genuine action to reduce its impact on climate change. We congratulate Deritend on this achievement."

Deritend joins over 450 other organisations that have achieved the Carbon Trust Standard nationwide – many of which are Deritend's own customers such as Severn Trent Water, United Utilities, Veolia and RWE nPower.

The Carbon Trust Standard requires as a first step that organisations measure their electricity and gas consumption, on-site energy consumption (including heating and cooling), fuel consumption, as well as prove to have good carbon management practices in place and demonstrate genuine reduction in their emissions over a three year period. Upon initial certification organisations also commit to continually reduce both their direct and indirect (for example, business travel) carbon emissions over the next two years before reassessment.
