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British Sugar's innovative TOPSOIL and LimeX products achieve low certified carbon footprints using new PAS 2050 method

- UK manufacturer continues its ongoing commitment to reducing emissions -

British Sugar's TOPSOIL and LimeX today joined its parent company and sister business, Silver Spoon, in certifying the carbon footprint of their products using the new PAS 2050 method. British Sugar's TOPSOIL has been certified as producing 9 kilograms of CO₂ per tonne of product and the LimeX products are certified by the Carbon Trust as producing 2 kilograms of CO₂ per tonne of product*.

British Sugar's TOPSOIL is the UK's largest supplier of quality topsoil products to the landscape and amenity industries. All TOPSOIL products are produced from the soil that adheres to the sugar beet delivered to British Sugar's factories and as such comes from the best agricultural soils in the country.

Andy Spetch, TOPSOIL Business Manager, added: "We are very aware of our responsibility to help our customers to assess their own carbon footprints. We are proud of our products and of the results they have achieved, and we will continue to work on improving our products and processes in the future."

LimeX products, also developed by British Sugar, are the UK's No.1 Liming products for correction of soil acidity. Continually developed over more than 80 years the LimeX range has become the most successful product of its type, achieving market leadership in the UK through its all-round combination of efficacy, consistent quality and value-for-money.

Richard Cogman, National LimeX Manager, commented: "LimeX products are unique, and we are happy to be able to provide our customers with such positive results from our carbon footprint assessment. By re-using and recycling the lime products produced as part of the sugar purification process to make LimeX products, British Sugar has ensured that nothing is wasted and has produced a valuable liming and soil conditioning product".

The new PAS 2050 method uses a detailed supply chain GHG assessment which took TOPSOIL and LimeX over 8 months to complete, and underlines an ongoing commitment by British Sugar to reduce its carbon emissions. This announcement follows the company's decision in February 2008 to be a pilot partner in the development of PAS 2050, the world's first method for assessing the lifecycle greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of goods and services, developed by BSI British Standards and sponsored by the Carbon Trust and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

Gino De Jaegher, Managing Director of British Sugar UK, commented: "British Sugar is committed to sustainable manufacturing, and by recycling the soil that adheres to the sugar beet delivered to our factories we have ensured that this valuable non-renewable resource is used in a sustainable way, contributing to UK and EU soil protection strategies. We are proud of the results of our carbon footprint assessment, and we will continue to work on reducing our carbon footprint further."

Tom Delay, Chief Executive, Carbon Trust, commented: "Putting a carbon 'price' on goods and services is key to creating a low carbon economy in the UK. By publishing the carbon footprint of these products, British Sugar is demonstrating its commitment to measuring and reducing carbon within its supply chain and helping its customers understand the carbon impact of the products they use. Businesses benefit from looking beyond their direct operational emissions and using carbon footprinting analysis to make their supply chains more cost and carbon efficient."

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Notes to editors:

1 tonne of product = 1000 kilograms

*The quoted footprint rating is a business to business figure, the footprint is only calculated to the point where the product is collected from the factory gate.

About British Sugar

British Sugar is the UK's leading supplier of sugar products to the food manufacturing and consumer markets. Recognised as one of the most efficient sugar producers in Europe, British Sugar is committed to transforming its raw materials into sustainable products and has invested over £1bn in new technologies over the last twenty years. To find out more about British Sugar's latest energy-saving initiatives please visit: www.britishsugar.com. In October 2008, British Sugar and Silver Spoon announced that, using the new PAS 2050 method, British Sugar's homegrown granulated white sugar was assessed to produce 0.6 grams of CO2 equivalent per gram of product.

About TOPSOIL

TOPSOIL, a business of British Sugar plc, is the UK's largest supplier of quality topsoil products to the landscape and amenity industries. All TOPSOIL products are developed from the soil that adheres to the sugar beet delivered to British Sugar's factories and as such comes from the best agricultural soils in the country. After separation, the soil undergoes a gravity settlement stage prior to a lengthy conditioning process and careful storage ready for delivery. For more information on TOPSOIL please visit <http://www.bstopsoil.co.uk/>.

About LimeX

LimeX, another business division of British Sugar plc, produces and markets the LimeX product range for the agricultural, brownfield development and built-environment sectors. It has become the UK's leading agricultural liming material for soil acidity management. Achieving this status has been the result of a drive to produce the best. Within the last decade British Sugar has invested over £15 million in product development and has extended the availability of LimeX across the country. LimeX products are unique and derived from a co-product of beet sugar manufacturing which uses limestone as an essential component in the process. The LimeX range is available across the UK directly from British Sugar's factories or through its authorised distributors. For more information on LimeX please visit <http://www.limex.co.uk/>.

About the Carbon Trust

The Carbon Trust is an independent company set up by government in response to the threat of climate change, to accelerate the move to a low carbon economy by working with organisations to reduce carbon emissions and develop commercial low carbon technologies. The Carbon Trust works with UK business and the public sector through its work in five complementary areas: insights, solutions, innovations, enterprises and investments. Together these help to explain, deliver, develop, create and finance low carbon enterprise. The Carbon Trust is funded by the government.

For more information on the Carbon Trust visit www.carbontrust.com or call the Carbon Trust Advice Line on 0800 085 2005.

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