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SecuriGroup® 

PAS 2060

Qualifying Explanatory
Statement



Introduction

This document forms the Qualifying Explanatory Statement to demonstrate SecuriGroup Limited has achieved carbon neutrality under the guidelines of PAS 2060:2014 and is committed to achieving carbon neutrality under the guidelines of PAS 2060:2014.

PAS 2060 Information Requirement	Information as it relates to SecuriGroup
Entity making PAS 2060 declaration	SecuriGroup Limited
Subject of PAS 2060 declaration	The offices and fleet operated by SecuriGroup Limited.
Description of subject	SecuriGroup is of UK’s leading security companies providing manned guarding, retail security, keyholding, systems and event security services.
Rationale for selection of the subject	The scope and subject was selected as it represents the operational control boundary of SecuriGroup as defined by The UK Government Environmental Reporting Guidelines (including streamlined energy and carbon reporting guidance).
What type of conformity assessment has been/is to be undertaken?	Independent 3rd party
Baseline date for PAS2060 programme	1st October 2019 to 30th September 2020
Achievement period	1st October 2019 to 30th September 2020
Commitment period	1st October 2020 to 30th September 2025
Individuals responsible for evaluation and provision of data necessary for declaration	Samantha Lang, Risk Manager

This Qualifying Explanatory Statement contains information pertaining to the subject’s carbon neutrality. Any and all information herein is believed to be correct at the time of publishing. Should any information come to light that would affect the validity of the statements herein, this document will be updated to accurately reflect the current status of any carbon neutral statement made by SecuriGroup.

Declaration of Achievement of Carbon Neutrality

PAS 2060 Information Requirement	Information as it relates to SecuriGroup
Declaration of achievement	Carbon neutrality of the offices and fleet achieved by SecuriGroup Limited in accordance with PAS 2060 at 8th July 2021 with commitment to maintain to 30th September 2025 for the period commencing 1st October 2019 to 30th September 2020, SGS certified.
State the period during which the entity is demonstrating achievement of carbon neutrality of the subject	1st October 2019 to 30th September 2020
Recorded carbon footprint of the subject during the period stated above	414 TCO ₂ e
How have the reductions in GHC emissions during this period been achieved?	As this was the first application period, reductions were not considered. Carbon neutrality has been achieved by carbon offsetting.
Location of the GHC emissions report supporting this claim.	Appendix A
Location of the details describing the carbon offsets.	Appendix B
Location of the Carbon Footprint Management Plan	Appendix C
Name of senior representative	Signature of senior representative
Samantha Lang, Risk Manager	
Date: 8th July 2021	



Declaration of On-going Commitment to Carbon Neutrality

PAS 2060 Requirement	Client Response
Declaration on on-going commitment	SecuriGroup Limited commits to maintaining carbon neutrality for 1st October 2020 to 30th September 2025 ,in accordance to PAS 2060.
Name of senior representative	Signature of senior representative
Samantha Lang, Risk Manager Date: 8th July 2021	

Appendix A – Methodology

SecuriGroup’s GHG emissions were calculated in accordance with’ The UK Government Environmental Reporting Guidelines (including streamlined energy and carbon reporting guidance).’ In order to calculate emissions ‘2020 UK Government GHG Conversion Factors for Company Reporting’ have been used. Calculated GHG emissions have been rounded to 1 decimal place.

For gas and electricity data, annual energy consumption in kWh, over the reporting period was converted to TCO_{2e} using the above described GHG conversion factors.

With regards to transport consumption usage data both company owned vehicles (scope 1) and grey fleet vehicles (scope 3) was analysed.

Company owned vehicle data usage from fuel cards was provided as a breakdown of fuel expenditure. A 2020 UK average diesel price of 119.08 pence per litre and a 2020 UK average petrol price of 13.87 pence per litre was obtained from the ‘BEIS Energy Prices Road Fuels and Other Petroleum Products’ datasheet. This was then used to convert expenditure to litres of fuel. Litres were then converted into TCO_{2e} using the aforementioned ‘2020 UK Government GHG Conversion Factors for Company Reporting’. Additional company owned vehicle data (for company owned managers vehicles) was provided in the form of mileage. Mileage was converted to into TCO_{2e} using the above described conversion factors.

Grey fleet data for both front line staff and managers was provided in the form of business mileage claims. Mileage was converted to TCO_{2e} using the above mentioned conversion factors. The fuel source and engine size of cars were unknown, therefore the conversion factor for an average car size and unknown fuel source was used.



United Nations
Framework Convention on
Climate Change

DATE: 22 FEBRUARY 2021
REFERENCE: VC18055/2021

VOLUNTARY
CANCELLATION
CERTIFICATE



Presented to
SecuriGroup Limited

Reason for cancellation
Voluntary compensation from SecuriGroup Limited to offset GHG emissions related to gas, electricity and transportation usage over the 19/20 reporting year

Number of units
cancelled

414 CERs
Equivalent to 414 tonne(s) of CO₂

Start serial number: CN-5-1103835886-2-2-0-8273

End serial number: CN-5-1103836299-2-2-0-8273

The certificate is issued in accordance with the procedure for voluntary cancellation in the CDM Registry. The reason included in this certificate is provided by the cancellor.



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Appendix B – GHG Emissions Report

Financial Year: 1st October 2019 – 30th September 2020 Current Reporting Year – 19/20	
Gas (kWh)	100,308
Electricity (kWh)	47,396
Transportation (kWh)	1,526,434
Emissions from combustion of gas, TCO ₂ e (Scope 1)	18.4
Emissions from combustion of fuel for transport purposes, TCO ₂ e (Scope 1)	226.6
Emissions from business travel in rental cars or employee-owned vehicles where company is responsible for purchasing the fuel, TCO ₂ e (Scope 3)	157.8
Emissions from purchased electricity, TCO ₂ e (Scope 2, location-based)	11.0
Total gross CO ₂ e based on above, TCO ₂ e	414.0
Intensity ratio: TCO ₂ e /MillionTurnover (£46.5m turnover)	8.90
Methodology	SecuriGroup’s GHG emissions are categorised as Scope 1, 2 or 3 as referred to in The UK Government Environmental Reporting Guidelines (including streamlined energy and carbon reporting guidance). As stated by PAS2060:2014, the UK Government Environmental Reporting Guidelines methodology can be presumed to meet the requirements of PAS2060:2014.
Uncertainties	A source of uncertainty for defining SecuriGroup’s carbon footprint is electricity and gas consumption. On sites where volumes of energy used in kWh is not obtainable, consumption is calculated using the total spend divided by the market cost per unit of energy. Consumption from energy owned vehicles which use fuel cards, consumption was calculated using the UK average of diesel and petrol prices per litre using the BEIS Energy Prices Road Fuels and Other Petroleum Products datasheet. Grey fleet consumption was calculated using the above mentioned conversion factors. The fuel source and engine size of cars were unknown, therefore the conversion factor for an average car size and unknown fuel source was used.

Appendix C – Carbon Offsets

Credits amounting to 414 TCO₂e have been ordered by SecuriGroup for the period covering 1st October 2019 – 30th September 2020. The carbon offsets credits have been certified by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Retirements are made from the North China Wind Project which reduces GHG emissions by displacing electricity which would otherwise have been drawn primarily from fossil fuel power stations these were issued 22nd February 2021 for the period of 1st October 2019 – 30th September 2020. These credits were generated between 1st October 2018 – 31st August 2018.

Appendix D – Inclusions/Exclusions

Emissions from company owned vehicles, grey fleet vehicles and gas and electricity used across SecuriGroup offices have been included, as they have all been deemed as direct emissions within SecuriGroup’s operational control.

SecuriGroup has chosen to exclude all scope 3 categories, with the exception of grey fleet vehicles, to match the scope of reporting under the Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (SECR). It is SecuriGroup’s intention in the future to include business travel within reporting as it is believed to be the most appropriate scope 3 category within the business.

Appendix E – Carbon Footprint Management Plan

SecuriGroup is committed to reduce its carbon footprint. Our carbon management plan focuses primarily on Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions, the significant components of our carbon footprint. SecuriGroup aims to reduce all emissions generated by 30% with a target of doing so by 2025.

Installation of LED lighting across offices

LED lighting has been installed within our Head Office which will reduce our emissions by approximately 2.5 TCO₂e. Over the next 12 months, lighting will be replaced across all offices occupied by SecuriGroup with an aim of reducing electricity consumption by 25%.

Electric vehicles

We are committed to replacing all company owned fleet vehicles to electric by 2025. By eliminating gas and diesel vehicles, we can reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and support government guidelines with an aim of reducing emissions by 30%.

SecuriGroup forest

Over 2,000 native woodland trees have been planted in our own SecuriGroup forest which has been accredited by Woodland Carbon Code. With a desire to not only eliminate our environmental emissions, but also protect indigenous wildlife, and preserve valuable ecosystems, the forest will promote bio-diversity, and provide additional woodland habitat. This has been done with a view of offsetting approximately 333 tCO₂e.

Supply chain

We closely manage our supply chain to ensure that our suppliers sustainability goals are in line with our own. We have moved to green energy hosts for cloud computing and servers and ensure that our electricity supplies come from renewables only. We are committed to working closely with existing and future suppliers to reduce the impact our operations have on the environment.

Appendix F – SGS Statement of Carbon Neutrality



Verification Statement Number:
UK.VOL.0720.2020

The Carbon Neutrality Declaration as presented in its Qualifying Explanatory Statement (QES), for the application period 01/10/2019 – 30/09/2020 of:

SecuriGroup Limited

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United Kingdom

has been verified by SGS United Kingdom Limited as conforming to the requirements of PAS 2060:2014: Specification for the demonstration of carbon neutrality (PAS 2060).

Lead Assessor: Lisa Gibson
Technical Reviewer: Paulomi Raythatha

Authorised by:

Pamela Chadwick
Business Manager
SGS United Kingdom Ltd

Verification Statement Date: 12th October 2021

This Statement is not valid without the full verification scope, objectives, criteria and conclusion available on pages 2 to 3 of this Statement

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Schedule Accompanying Greenhouse Gas Verification Statement Number UK VOL 0720.2020

Brief Description of Verification Process

SGS has been contracted by SecuriGroup Limited for the verification of their Carbon Neutrality Declaration as presented in its Qualifying Explanatory Statement (QES), for the application period 01/10/2019 – 30/09/2020, against the requirements of PAS 2060:2014: Specification for the demonstration of carbon neutrality (PAS 2060).

Roles and responsibilities

The management of SecuriGroup Limited is responsible for the organization's GHG information system, the development and maintenance of records and reporting procedures in accordance with that system, including the calculation and determination of GHG emissions information, preparation of reports, QES, and purchase and retirement of carbon offsets.

It is SGS' responsibility to express an independent opinion on the Carbon Neutrality Declaration as provided by the client for the application period 01/10/2019 – 30/09/2020.

SGS conducted a third-party verification following the requirements of ISO 14064-3: 2019 of the provided carbon neutral declaration and supporting QES during the period July to September 2021. The assessment was conducted via desk review. The verification was based on the verification scope, objectives and criteria as agreed between SecuriGroup Limited and SGS on 15th April 2021.

Objectives:

The purpose of the verification exercise was, by review of objective evidence, to independently review and confirm:

- That the carbon neutrality declaration and QES conform to the requirements of PAS 2060
- That the emissions data reported in the QES are accurate, complete, consistent, transparent and free of material error or omission and have been determined in accordance with the requirements of PAS 2060.
- That evidence is available to support information reported within the QES including carbon offset purchases and retirements.

Level of Assurance

The level of assurance agreed is a reasonable level of assurance.

Scope

- The organizational boundary was established following the operational control consolidation approach.
- Title or description of activities: Emissions associated with SecuriGroup Limited UK operations, including UK properties, UK company vehicles, business travel (car and flight) by UK employees

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- Scope 1 & 2 emissions only
- Location/boundary of the activities: UK only
- First application period: 1st October 2019 – 30th September 2020
- Intended user of the verification statement: internal, customers, general public.

Materiality

The materiality required of the verification was considered by SGS to be below 5%.

We planned and performed our work to obtain the information, explanations and evidence that we considered necessary to provide a reasonable level of assurance that the CO₂ equivalent emissions, carbon neutrality declaration and QES for the first period 01/10/2019 – 30/09/2020 are fairly stated.

SGS' approach is risk-based, drawing on an understanding of the risks associated with compiling and reporting GHG emission information and the controls in place to mitigate these risks. Our examination included assessment, on a sample basis, of evidence relevant to the voluntary reporting of emission information and carbon neutrality.

Conclusion

SecuriGroup Limited provided their carbon neutrality declaration based on the criteria outlined above. The carbon neutrality declaration and QES for the application period 01/10/2019 – 30/09/2020 are verified by SGS to a reasonable level of assurance, consistent with the agreed verification scope, objectives and criteria.

SGS concludes with reasonable assurance that the presented carbon neutrality declaration and supporting QES is materially correct and is a fair representation of the CO₂ equivalent data and information and conforms to the requirements of PAS2060.

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