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## **Carbon neutral status renewed for Christchurch Airport**

Christchurch International Airport (CIAL) has had its carbon neutral status recertified by Landcare Research for the period from June 2008 to July 2009. The airport company met the caroNZero requirements for the third year in a row, after further reducing its greenhouse gas emissions and mitigating its unavoidable emissions for its operations.

"We are pleased to maintain our position as a leader in this field for airport companies," said CIAL Chief Executive Jim Boulton. "We make consistent efforts to achieve best practice environmental management at the airport, including programmes for storm water discharge, solid waste disposal, energy conservation, and water and air quality."

Jim Boulton said he was particularly proud of the recent Building Management System energy conservation programmes, where nearly 9% of the annual energy cost for the airport terminal building was saved. Twenty six recycling bins were also recently installed in the airport terminal, as part of a national programme to improve recycling in public places.

Further objectives include plans for the airport company to achieve another 5% energy saving for the operation of the terminal, to decrease the amount of waste going to landfill, use 30% recycled asphalt pavement in the runway maintenance programme, and investigate the use of sustainable fuel boilers for heating in the terminal.

Christchurch Airport was the first airport company in the Southern Hemisphere to achieve carbon neutral status for its operations.

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## **Christchurch International Airport – New Zealand’s Tourism Gateway**

Christchurch International Airport welcomed nearly 6 million passengers in 2008/2009, ranking as New Zealand's second largest airport. The Airport occupies a unique position economically, as the South Island's busiest and most strategic air connection to the world's trade and tourism markets. In addition, the airport plays an important role as the South Island's major domestic hub servicing all New Zealanders, enabling passengers to connect to a full spectrum of destinations throughout New Zealand. Christchurch International Airport is a major driver of the regional Canterbury economy, generating airport precinct related jobs for nearly 5000 people.

Christchurch International Airport is owned and operated by Christchurch International Airport Limited (CIAL). CIAL was established as a limited liability company in 1988, and ownership of CIAL is now shared by Christchurch City Holdings Limited with 75% and the New Zealand Government with 25%. The company's vision is to be recognised as New Zealand's leading tourist gateway.

Christchurch International Airport is a carbon neutral company and has received carboNZero certification from Landcare Research following a detailed measurement and analysis process. CIAL is the first airport company in the Southern Hemisphere to attain certified carbon neutral status and is the second carbon neutral certified airport company in the world.

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