

# Greenhouse Gas Verification Statement Number CCP209454/1/2014/09/2015

The inventory of Greenhouse Gas emissions in the period  
01/01/2014 – 31/12/2014 for

**Unite Group plc**

The Core  
40 St Thomas Street  
Bristol. BS1 6JX  
United Kingdom

has been verified in accordance with ISO 14064-3:2006

To represent a total amount of:

**75,246 tCO<sub>2</sub>e**

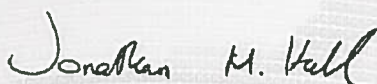
**For the following activities**

Operation of student accommodation facilities

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**Verification Statement Date 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

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



## Schedule Accompanying Greenhouse Gas Verification Statement Number CCP209454/1/2014/09/2015

### Brief Description of Verification Process

SGS has been contracted by Unite Group plc for the verification of direct and indirect carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) equivalent emissions as provided by Unite Group plc, The Core, 40 St Thomas Street, Bristol, BS1 6JX United Kingdom, in their GHG Assertion in the form of a Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report covering CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions.

### Roles and responsibilities

The management of Unite Group plc 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 and the reported GHG emissions.

It is SGS' responsibility to express an independent GHG verification opinion on the emissions as provided in the Unite Group plc GHG Assertion for the period 01/01/2014 – 31/12/2014.

SGS conducted a third party verification following the requirements of ISO 14064-3: 2006 of the provided CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent assertion in the period June – July 2015.

The assessment included a desk review of Unite Group plc provided data. The verification was based on the verification scope, objectives and criteria as agreed between Unite Group plc and SGS on 30/01/2015.

### Level of Assurance

The level of assurance agreed is *limited*

### Scope

Unite Group plc has commissioned an independent verification by SGS of reported CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions arising from their United Kingdom activities, to establish conformance with the requirements of WRI/WBCSD GHG Protocol within the scope of the verification as outlined below. Data and information supporting the CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent assertion were historical in nature and proven by evidence.

This engagement covers verification of emissions from anthropogenic sources of greenhouse gases included within the organization's boundary and meets the requirements of WRI/WBCSD GHG Protocol.

- The organizational boundary was established following the operational control approach.
- Title or description of activities: Operation of student accommodation facilities
- Location/boundary of the activities: United Kingdom
- Physical infrastructure, activities, technologies and processes of the organization: Accommodation buildings, offices, transport, paper.
- GHG sources, sinks and/or reservoirs included:
  - Scope 1 - stationary combustion, mobile combustion,
  - Scope 2 – purchased electricity; Purchased steam
  - Scope 3 – indirect energy distribution losses, business travel, paper.

- Types of GHGs included: CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>4</sub>
- Directed actions: none.
- GHG information for the following period was verified: 01/01/2014 – 31/12/2014.
- Intended user of the verification statement: internal, customers, general public, shareholders.

#### Objective

The purposes of this verification exercise are, by review of objective evidence, to independently review:

- Whether the CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions are as declared by the organization's CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent assertion
- That the data reported are accurate, complete, consistent, transparent and free of material error or omission.

#### Criteria

Criteria against which the verification assessment is undertaken are the requirements of WRI/WBCSD GHG Protocol.

#### Materiality

The materiality required of the verification was considered by SGS to be below 10%, based on the needs of the intended user of the GHG Assertion

#### Conclusion

Unite Group plc provided the GHG assertion based on the requirements of WRI/WBCSD GHG Protocol. The GHG information for the period 01/01/2014 – 31/12/2014 disclosing gross emissions of 75,246 metric tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent are verified by SGS to a limited level of assurance, consistent with the agreed verification scope, objectives and criteria.

Emissions by scope are as follows:

Scope 1: 4,394 tCO<sub>2</sub>e

Scope 2: 56,026 tCO<sub>2</sub>e

Scope 3: 14,827 tCO<sub>2</sub>e

SGS' approach is risk-based, drawing on an understanding of the risks associated with modeling 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.

SGS concludes with limited assurance that no evidence has been found that the presented CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent assertion is not materially correct and is not a fair representation of the CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent data and information, and is prepared following the requirements of WRI/WBCSD GHG Protocol.

We planned and performed our work to obtain the information, explanations and evidence that we considered necessary to provide a limited level of assurance that the CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions for the period 01/01/2014 – 31/12/2014 are fairly stated.

This statement shall be interpreted with the CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent assertion of Unite Group plc as a whole.

Note: This Statement is issued, on behalf of Client, by SGS United Kingdom Ltd, Rossmore Business Park, Inward Way, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, CH65 3EN ("SGS") under its General Conditions for GHG Validation and Verification Services. The findings recorded hereon are based upon an audit performed by SGS. A full copy of this statement and the supporting GHG Assertion may be consulted at [Unite Group plc \(www.unite-group.co.uk\)](http://www.unite-group.co.uk). This Statement does not relieve Client from compliance with any bylaws, federal, national or regional acts and regulations or with any guidelines issued pursuant to such regulations. Stipulations to the contrary are not binding on SGS and SGS shall have no responsibility vis-à-vis parties other than its Client.