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## <u>Pledges designed to reduce UK business</u> <u>carbon footprint by 327,000 tonnes</u>

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Consultant <u>Sustainable Energy First</u> has committed to reducing the UK's business carbon footprint by 327,170 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e by 2028 through the services it provides clients.

The company's customers collectively account for 3.3% of the total UK business  $CO_2e$  footprint. By helping these businesses identify carbon reduction opportunities, it will look at a 2.5% absolute reduction per year over the next five years for its entire client population's scope 1 (direct) and 2 (indirect) GHG emissions.

The company's aim is to further support these businesses and the UK in its trajectory towards net zero, 1.5°C compatible plan by no later than 2050.

The  $CO_2e$  reduction target is equivalent to not heating 121,174 homes or taking 72,805 cars off the road for one year. It represents a core element of the company's sustainability strategy and reflects the business' commitment to assisting its clients with their carbon footprint reduction and establishing a framework for climate action.

Its approach is intended to create sustainable energy opportunities for UK organisations. The 2028 target has been designed to be achieved through existing and new customer collaboration.

It further reports that although it has a relatively small footprint it is leading by example, with no natural gas onsite, only green electricity used via a peer-to-peer network. It has also implemented a virtualised IT structure for a drastic reduction in the largest single consumer of power.

Chief commercial officer Anthony Mayall said: "We thought long and hard about the repurposing of our



company over several years. We became Sustainable Energy First at the point when we could commit to, and accurately measure, a significant carbon reduction.

"Irrespective of what services our customers have contracted with us, their CO2e consumption is part of our target. As a team, we are all committed to this shared goal – and making a positive difference for the planet."