

press release

Standard Chartered – Sri Lanka’s First Carbon Conscious Bank

18 June 2015, Colombo, Sri Lanka – Standard Chartered was certified by the Carbon Consulting Company as Sri Lanka’s First Carbon Conscious Bank. The certification is awarded to business entities that have calculated the footprint and have implemented a comprehensive Carbon Management Program. The bank commissioned a calculation of its carbon footprint which is the amount of Green House Gases (Carbon Dioxide, Methane, Nitrous Oxide, etc) emitted directly or indirectly from a business, product or service’s activities, and is measured in tonnes of Carbon Dioxide Equivalence (CO₂e), after conducting a “GHG Assessment”.

Sanjeevani de Silva, Head of Corporate Affairs/Brand and Marketing, Standard Chartered, speaking at the certificate handover ceremony said: “The GHG assessments will need to have been conducted by an independent body following an internationally accepted standard for carbon foot printing and we are delighted to partner with the Carbon Consulting Company to obtain this certification for the bank. In 2012, Standard Chartered announced the first zero carbon credit card in the country in partnership with the Conservation Carbon Company (CCC), so this is yet another step in the right direction.”

At Standard Chartered focus is placed on efforts to reduce the direct impact of operations on the environment. Environmental issues, particularly resource scarcity, have an increasing influence on clients and business. The impact will be felt in every corner of the world, but more immediately in the regions in which the bank operates. Responding to these issues requires a consolidated effort from businesses, governments and individuals. Standard Chartered has long-term targets to reduce energy use, water use and paper consumption, and reports on all properties that are

over 10,000 square feet and a selection of smaller branches and offices, which make up 75% of its portfolio.

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Photo Caption: Sanith de Silva Wijeratne hands over the certificate to Sanjeewani de Silva

Note to Editors:

Standard Chartered

We are a leading international banking group, with more than 90,000 employees and a 150-year history in some of the world's most dynamic markets. We bank the people and companies driving investment, trade and the creation of wealth across Asia, Africa and the Middle East, where we earn around 90 per cent of our income and profits. Our heritage and values are expressed in our brand promise, Here for good.

Standard Chartered PLC is listed on the London and Hong Kong Stock Exchanges as well as the Bombay and National Stock Exchanges in India.

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