

Summary of CEMARS™ certification:



Achilles Group Limited

Achilles Group Limited meets the requirements of CEMARS™ certification having measured its greenhouse gas emissions in compliance with the requirements of ISO 14064-1 and committed to managing and reducing its emissions in respect of the operational activities of its United Kingdom based organisation including the offices of Achilles Information Limited and First Point Assessment Limited in Aberdeen, Abingdon and Derby.



Introduction – Achilles Group Limited works to identify, qualify, evaluate and monitor suppliers on behalf of major organisations worldwide. Achilles' services for sustainable procurement help create opportunities for business and reduce risk in the supply chain.

Areas of business activities include;

- Office activity
- Main product – computer databases
- Travel (to offices, customer visits, conferences etc)
- Assessment services
- Conferences

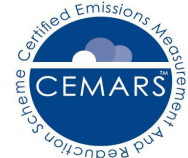
Achilles operates a number of business units around the world and has a presence in over 24 countries. The company has over 500 employees worldwide and operates in the following industry sectors; Construction, Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Mining, Oil & Gas, Pharmaceuticals, Public Sector, Transport, and Utilities.

Achilles head office is situated in Abingdon and consists of a leased 3 floor building (with 125.6 employees). There are 2 other office sites in the UK, which are Aberdeen (leased space in a shared building, 18 employees) and Castle Donington (leased 1 floor in a shared building, 21 employees including 15 homebased auditors).

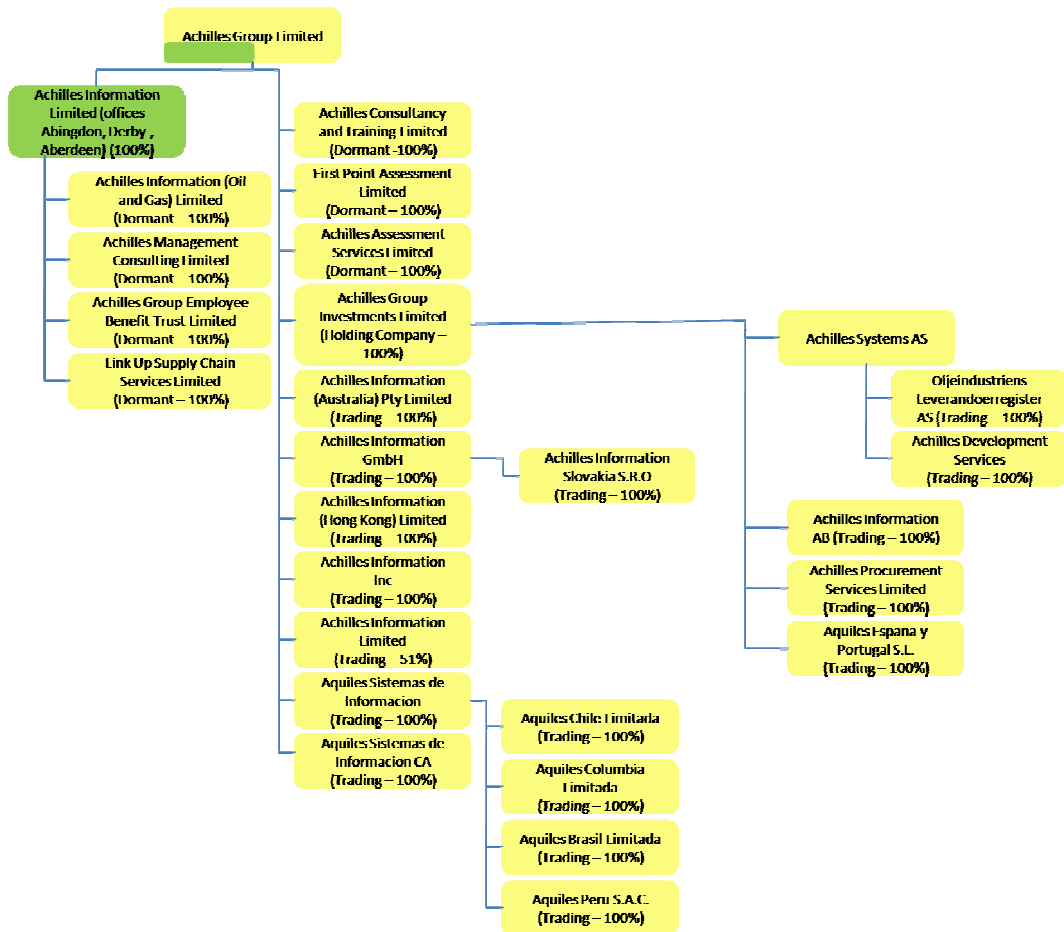
Achilles is a signatory of the UN Global Compact – an initiative which enshrines a set of 10 principles covering human rights, labour standards, the environment and corruption. As part of its reporting to the UN Global Compact, Achilles is committed to measuring and managing its carbon footprint for Achilles Group Limited (UK operations) and establishing a management and reduction strategy.

Boundary – the diagram below shows the organisational structure of Achilles Group Limited and identifies those business units included in the measurement scope and boundary for CEMARS certification. Yellow business units were excluded from the certification. Since Achilles (UK operations) baseline year measurement (FY 07/08) Achilles has been bought by a private equity company. This has no impact on the boundaries drawn for the Achilles (UK operations) inventory.

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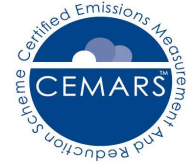
Consolidation approach – operational control

Base year – 01/05/2007 to 30/04/2008

Measurement period – 01/05/2008 to 30/04/2009

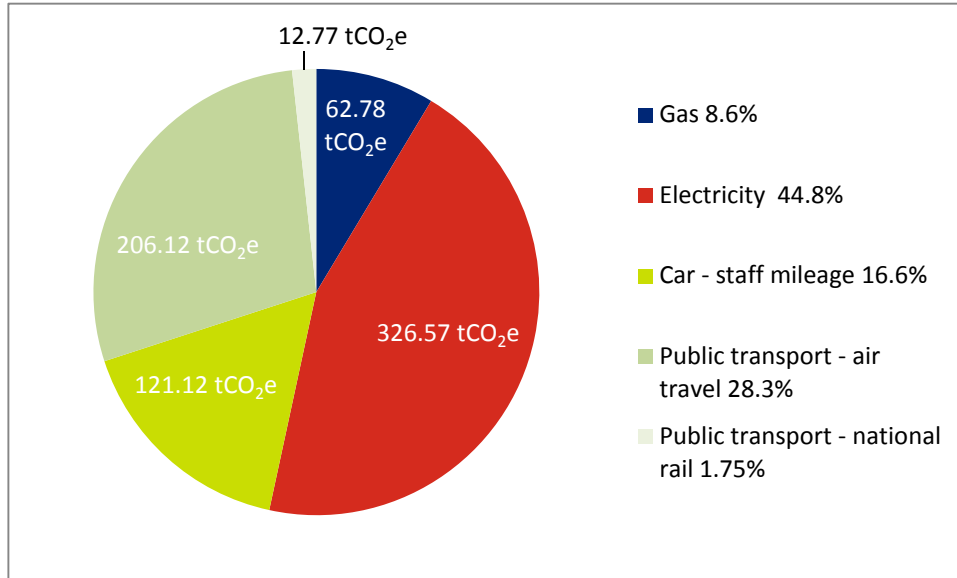
GHG emissions source inclusions – the diagram below shows the operational GHG emissions for Achilles Group Limited (UK operations) by emissions source. The total emissions for this period were 729.36 tonnes carbon dioxide equivalents (CO₂e) comprising 62.78 tonnes CO₂e Scope 1, 326.57 tonnes CO₂e Scope 2 and 340.01 tonnes CO₂e Scope 3 emissions.

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Graph showing total operational emissions for Achilles Group Limited (UK operations) by activity



GHG emissions source exclusions – Exclusions from the operational GHG emissions include; servers as these are not mandatory, and couriers, refrigerants, taxi travel and leased vehicles as these were identified as *de minimis*.

GHG emissions reduction commitments – Achilles Group Limited (UK operations) has developed a GHG emissions reduction plan. Some projects in this plan include:

- Air travel policy review – Assess options for monthly cap on air miles, investigate video conferencing in key offices.
- Car travel policy review – Assess options for an incentivisation scheme for train travel.
- PC usage monitoring – Using *Surveyor* software and monitor reductions on a monthly basis using Kwh electricity consumed, CO₂ emitted and savings calculated.
- Lighting review – Establish a company-wide ‘Switch it off’ campaign and investigate sensory lighting for UK offices.
- Data management – Revise existing expense claim forms to facilitate accurate data entry and collection.

Verified by – carbonZero Strategic Business Unit

Threshold of materiality – Excluded emissions do not exceed 5% of the total footprint for organisation stated.

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Level of assurance – Limited

Certification status – CEMARS certified “organisation”

Certificate number – 2010118J

Valid until – 31/07/2010

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