

## Lowndes Associates

*Lowndes Associates meets the requirements of carboNZero<sup>Cert™</sup> certification having measured its greenhouse gas emissions in compliance with ISO 14064-1, committed to managing and reducing its emissions and neutralised the remaining unavoidable emissions in respect of the operational activities of its organisation.*



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CORPORATE & COMMERCIAL LAW SPECIALISTS

**Introduction<sup>1</sup>** – Lowndes Associates are corporate and commercial law specialists. The firm has an extensive international practice and exclusively represents in New Zealand one of the largest international networks of law firms. The firm provides specialist expertise and experience in a wide range of practice areas, its team working from Lowndes Associates House in Auckland's CBD. The rapidly expanding body of evidence about climate change means companies need to take action, partner Mark Lowndes said. "Our firm's decision to be carbon neutral is not just for the 'feel good' factor; in fact, it's fundamentally a business decision. Consumers are demanding that companies demonstrate responsibility, and in a global marketplace, New Zealand firms across all industries face a real risk of being left behind unless they show decisiveness in modifying their practices." As part of attaining carboNZero certification, Lowndes Associates measured all activities causing greenhouse gas emissions and implemented reduction programmes to address the biggest sources of emissions. Lowndes Associates is currently assessing its supply chain and researching environmentally friendly suppliers.

**Boundary** – The boundary for the preparation of Lowndes Associates' greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory is for one site. All business activities have been included.

**Consolidation approach** – Operational control.

**Base year** – 01/11/2008 to 31/10/2009

**Measurement period** – 01/11/2008 to 31/10/2009

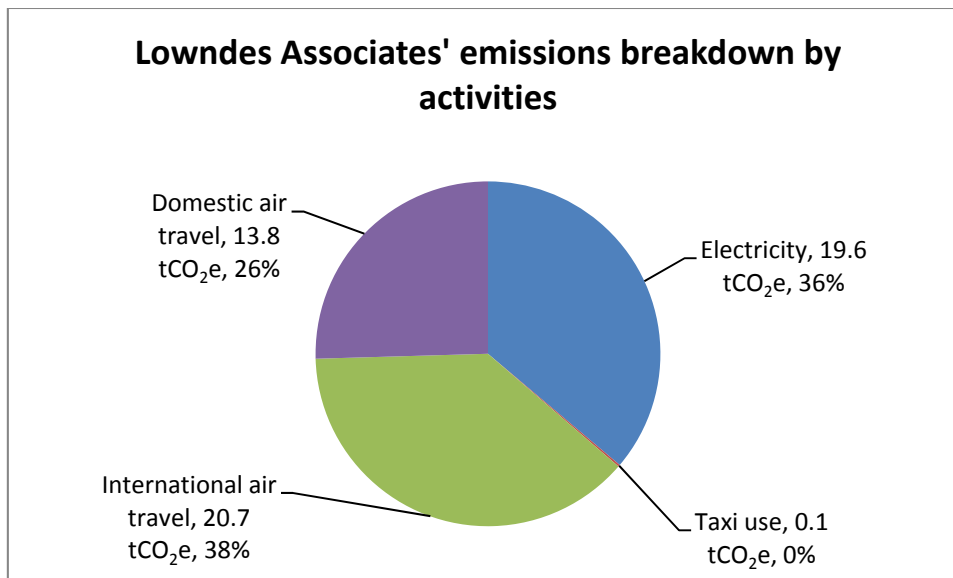
**GHG emissions source inclusions** – The diagram below shows the operational GHG emissions for Lowndes Associates by emissions source. Total emissions for this period were 54.2 tonnes carbon dioxide equivalents (tCO<sub>2</sub>e). The breakdown for the total emissions by Scope was Scope 1: 0 tCO<sub>2</sub>e; Scope 2: 19.6 tCO<sub>2</sub>e and Scope 3: 34.6 tCO<sub>2</sub>e.

**GHG emissions source exclusions** – Courier activities and waste to landfill was excluded as these emissions were demonstrated to be *de minimis*.

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**GHG emissions reduction commitments** – Lowndes Associates has developed the following emissions management goals:

1. Reduce air travel emissions by 2% by end of 2010 by;
  - a) Ensuring multiple work commitments are met with a single flight
  - b) Conducting web conferences and voice conferences as opposed to on site meetings involving flights
2. Reduce overall power usage by at least 2% by end of 2010 by;
  - a) Taking best practice approach to power usage: Switch off monitors, switch off non essential lighting.

**Offset** – 55 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e. Gold Standard VERs<sup>2</sup> from Meridian Energy PRE windpower<sup>3</sup> project. Serial numbers 404206 – 404260 cancelled in the carboNZero programme register.

**Verified by** – carboNZero Strategic Business Unit

**Level of assurance** – Reasonable assurance

**Threshold of materiality** – Excluded emissions do not exceed 5% of the total footprint for the small enterprise boundary stated.

<sup>2</sup> VERs are created by eligible projects for emissions reductions achieved up to the end of 2007.

<sup>3</sup> PRE - Projects to Reduce Emissions is a New Zealand government scheme for projects that are eligible under the Joint Implementation initiative of the Kyoto Protocol – see [www.mfe.govt.nz](http://www.mfe.govt.nz).

## Summary of carboNZero certification:

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**Certification status** – carboNZero certified small enterprise covering all operational emissions at one site.

**Certificate number** – 20100012J

**Certification valid until** – 31 January 2011

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