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**With less than 50 days remaining to the Copenhagen Conference,
the Carrefour Group underlines its action and commitment
to the fight against climate change**

From 7th to 18th December 2009, Denmark will host the next international United Nations Conference on Climate Change with the objective to conclude an international agreement following up to the Kyoto Protocol. Carrefour has taken over the years a number of actions to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions in the fight against climate change.

Carrefour has signed the Copenhagen Communiqué and supports the United Nations message calling for an effective, ambitious and fair deal on climate change to be reached at Copenhagen

The Carrefour Group, which as early as 2001 signed up to the United Nations Global Compact, reaffirms its commitment today in supporting and actively participating to the global campaign "Seal the Deal!" launched by the United Nations to promote action in favour of the fight against climate change. The objective of this campaign is to rouse political will and public support with a view to obtaining an effective, ambitious and fair climate deal during the United Nations Conference in Copenhagen.

In association with the United Nations Environment Programme Carrefour has produced a film on its action to reduce emissions and on its support for the Seal the Deal campaign to be aired on 24th October (1200 CET) on CNBC Europe. The film will also be featured on the UN's Seal the Deal website (<http://www.sealthedeal2009.org/psa-tv-series>). Furthermore, Lars Olofsson, CEO of the Carrefour group, is one of many business leaders to sign the Copenhagen Communiqué on Climate Change.

Reducing its greenhouse gas emissions: the Carrefour Group constantly striving for greater efficiency

For several years now, the Carrefour group has been developing initiatives to reduce and limit the environmental impact of all of its activities. Since the principle origin of its greenhouse gas emissions is its energy consumption, Carrefour has committed to reduce store energy consumption per square metre of sales area by 2020 compared to 2004.

Indeed, thanks to the increasing speed and execution of its energy efficiency programme, Carrefour is achieving much faster its original objective of 20% greater energy efficiency. **Lars Olofsson, CEO of the Carrefour group, has therefore decided to strengthen this commitment with a new and more challenging target of 30% efficiency.** The Carrefour group, Europe's leading retailer, fully assumes its responsibilities by reducing directly and indirectly greenhouse gas emissions.

▪ **Assuming its environmental responsibility in stores: group wide energy efficiency programme**

From the opening of the store, to partnerships among its supply chain, from a wider environmentally friendlier product assortment, through to checkouts with reusable bags, Carrefour has introduced numerous measures to improve the energy efficiency of its stores and reduce CO₂ emissions from production to consumption.

In 2007, Carrefour introduced an ambitious annual program of investments (so-called Energy Efficiency Programme) to deploy innovative technology in stores including **energy management systems, closed freezer cabinets and energy saving lighting**. In 2008 thirty millions Euros were invested, contributing to **13,6% energy efficiency gains** compared to 2004.

▪ **Limiting emissions from its logistics: using river and rail transport and optimised store deliveries**

Given the huge volumes delivered to Group stores, the optimization of transport and logistics is key to a sustainable development.

Carrefour focuses efforts to both:

- developing the **use of river and rail transport** for deliveries of imported goods to its distribution centres and
- optimising store deliveries to limit road haulage.

In 2008 Carrefour France met its objective shipping 41% of imported goods by river, the equivalent of 3,300 trucks loads. **A new target of 45% was set for 2009 and has already been achieved at the end of July**. In Spain, Carrefour dispatches 100% of its import containers from the port of Barcelona by rail and 67% from Valencia.

▪ **Driving changes in consumer habits: promoting energy saving products and solutions**

In a drive to help its customers do their bit, to reduce their energy consumption, the Group offers an increasing choice of affordable energy saving products. Indeed, **Carrefour sold 20 million energy-saving light bulbs throughout the world in 2008**. Furthermore, the Group was the 1st retailer in Europe, in France and Belgium, to offer households **green electricity** without additional cost (in comparison with conventional energy).

With millions of customers every day in its stores, Carrefour has also the opportunity to raise consumers' awareness all over the world on sustainable consumption and ways to reduce their energy consumption. As such **Carrefour is an Official Partner of the Sustainable Energy European Campaign**. This initiative saw Carrefour mobilize in 2009 its stores in 6 countries across Europe to promote energy efficient equipment and practical energy saving tips to its customers and consumers.

Carrefour's call for an effective, ambitious and fair global deal on climate change

As an economic actor, the Carrefour Group can do even more, but for this it needs a strong voice from governments to support, facilitate and give meaning to its actions.

For example, Carrefour supports the fight against deforestation which is a major cause of global greenhouse gas emissions through its sourcing of timber products and palm oil. Indeed **Carrefour's collection of garden furniture is certified FSC** guaranteeing the sustainable management of forests. The Group is also **committed to sourcing third party certified sustainable palm oil in its own-brand products by 2015**. However here business action alone is not enough; other solutions are needed to help facilitate rainforest protection.

Lars Olofsson – Carrefour CEO

"Carrefour is strongly committed to reduce and limit greenhouse gas emissions. Now the latest proof of this is we have taken the decision to go even further by increasing 30% our energy efficiency by 2020. We are also helping our customers to reduce their energy consumption and emissions by developing and providing an affordable offer of greener energy and greener products. We are indeed ambitious, and the strong commitment of governments will definitely help to accelerate the process to tackle climate change. This is why Carrefour supports the United Nations initiative calling for an effective, ambitious and fair deal on climate change to be reached at Copenhagen".

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About the Carrefour Group

The Carrefour Group is the first retailer in Europe, and the second largest worldwide, with more than 15.500 stores under banner in 35 countries and more than 490 000 employees. For over forty years, Carrefour has been a partner in the day-to-day lives of more than twenty million customers in Europe, Asia and Latin America.

The Group combines different store formats - hypermarkets, supermarkets, hard discount, convenience stores and cash & carry outlets - constantly adapting to its customers' consumption patterns, and offering the lowest prices on a large range of products and services. With more than 3 billion cash transactions per year, the Group, through its activities, has an economic, social and environmental responsibility and is committed to helping its customers and consumers enjoy better quality lives everyday, today and tomorrow. Carrefour believes in sustainable development for all.