



Media Release

ORIX Australia leads the Fleet Services Industry in the Challenge against Climate Change in 2008

Sydney, 26 June 2008 – Specialist Fleet Management and Leasing provider, ORIX Australia, has achieved Greenhouse Challenge Plus Member status. This initiative demonstrates the company's ongoing commitment to measure, reduce and offset greenhouse gas emissions.

Greenhouse Challenge Plus is part of the Government's climate change strategy, contributing more than 14 million tonnes of emissions reduction each year. Members include 700 leading Australian corporations and industry bodies, all committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting sustainable business practices.

Joining Greenhouse Challenge Plus is part of a long term sustainability plan for ORIX. "We felt it incredibly important that we understand our own environmental impact and take steps to reduce it before offering advice to customers," said John Carter, Managing Director. "As a result, we now have a clear action plan for reducing our carbon footprint by 10% per annum."

In 2008 ORIX aims to reduce its carbon footprint by over 300 tonnes of CO² emissions and purchase carbon credits to offset unavoidable emissions associated with day to day operations. Already ORIX has upgraded computer equipment across the company to more energy efficient models, decommissioned a number of servers, installed timers for some lighting and upgraded other lighting, introduced hybrid and diesel vehicles into the staff car fleet and implemented measurable recycling systems for computer equipment, consumables and paper.

The ORIX sustainability plan is driven by a diverse group of staff, from across the organisation. Known within the business as "EnviroMotion", collectively the group is responsible for ensuring that all employees have the knowledge and tools to minimise energy consumption and waste, both at work and at home.

ORIX Account Management staff are in the process of undergoing training to assist customers make more environmentally efficient and cost effective fleet choices.

"We recognise that our sphere of influence extends beyond our own staff car fleet to the large and hugely diverse fleets that we manage on behalf of our customers. ORIX has a great opportunity to influence Fleet Managers to operate in a cleaner, greener way. Our knowledge of vehicles and fuel types can assist Fleet Managers to increase the environmental efficiency of their fleet without negatively impacting fit for purpose," said Mr Carter.

"We have also introduced a series of environmental reports including a carbon footprint report and fuel exception report to assist customers measure the ongoing environmental performance of their fleet. Our new online Customer Centre also includes a CO² health check for fleets."



ORIX has a green product range in development that will further assist customers measure, reduce and offset greenhouse gas emissions.

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