

Carbon Reduction Plan

Supplier Name: Quickline Communications Limited

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General information

Quickline Communications Limited (QCL) baseline greenhouse gas emissions for the 2022 calendar year (1st January 2022 – 31st December) are detailed below.

We used the GHG Protocol Corporate Reporting standards for all scopes, using the Operational Control Approach as per [Corporate Standard | Greenhouse Gas Protocol \(ghgprotocol.org\)](https://ghgprotocol.org).

This sets the baseline to which our future annual targets and long-term trajectory towards Net zero will be measured. We have a targeted trajectory to become net zero by 2040 or earlier. This trajectory follows the ICT sectoral approach.

Baseline Emissions Footprint

Baseline Year: 2022	
Additional Details relating to the Baseline Emissions calculations.	
Scope 1 emissions are activity-based calculations from vehicle fuel and gas usage. Scope 2 emissions are location-based calculations for the generation of electricity for QCL. Scope 3 emissions were calculated on a spend-based formular for the individual sector. Where suppliers were reporting to the Carbon Disclosure Project, their emissions were used.	
Baseline year emissions:	
EMISSIONS	TOTAL (tCO ₂ e)
Scope 1	304
Scope 2	326
Scope 3 (Included Sources)	7,204

Total Emissions	7,833
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Current Emissions Reporting

Reporting Year: 2022	
EMISSIONS	TOTAL (tCO ₂ e)
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Scope 2	326
Scope 3 (Included Sources)	7,204
Total Emissions	7,833

Carbon Reduction Targets and Net Zero Trajectory

QCL is currently in the process of finalising their detailed strategy to achieve Net Zero emissions.

There is no industry target for net zero beyond the global SBTi's target which we have used. However, we are in line with others in the sector that are ESG focused and publishing their strategy and net zero target.

Target reduction in scope 1 and 2 by 38% by 2030 and become net zero by 2040.

Target reduction in scope 3 of 42% by 2030 and become net zero by 2040.

Supplier engagement is critical to establishing an accurate trajectory using verified supplier data for scope 3.

A complete review of the target trajectory is suggested in 2030 for the following reasons.

- Expectation that the grid will have significantly moved towards decarbonisation by 2030.
- New legislation will have been introduced for businesses which may affect target.
- Our business growth will have stabilized.

tCO ₂ e	Base year	Phase 1 Projects	Phase 1 cont..	Phase 2 Projects	Phase 2 cont	Phase 3 Projects	Phase 4 Projects	UK NZ Policy Target	
8000									
7000									
6000									
5000		Broader stakeholder engagement scoped	Linked to ESG strategy, specific measures & initiatives with partners implemented	Strategy review					
4000	ESG & Net Zero gap analysis & governance review	Updated ESG, Environment and Sustainable Procurement policies & KPIs	ESG Strategy is fully implemented, EMS is set-up and certification achieved	On-going joint working					
3000	Scopes 1-3 fully established	Supplier Engagement initiated SBT commitment?	Best performing suppliers able to provide their own data to replace spend-based sector averages	Improved accountability and reporting using ISO 14001 EMS	Scope 3				
2000	Energy and carbon emissions baseline established	GHG accounting system set-up, commercial leased site data improved	Staff behaviour change engagement	Supplier data increasingly used instead of spend-based info	All main suppliers have SBTs in place				
1000		Scope 2							
	2022	Scope 1	2023	2024	2026-28	2028-30	2030-35	2040	2050

Scope 1 – 304 tonnes (4%)

- Develop and apply a 'sustainable buildings' policy for guiding the selection of leased premises in the future. Continue procuring energy efficient office equipment and systems to compliment the general approach to day-to-day operations.
- Trial EV vehicles in 2024 with a target of 50% electric vehicles across the fleet by 2030, potential of 150 tCO₂e saving.

Scope 2 – 326 tonnes (4%)

- Work pro-actively with our landlords and their managing agents to encourage them to invest in building improvements and in renewable energy systems, including private wire solar panels, air and ground source heat pumps, radiant heating units, etc for improving energy efficiency and decarbonising the supply, removing scope 2 emissions.
- Investing in 'off-site' renewable energy generation on land owned by QCL for ICT infrastructure purposes. This approach could also be part of a community renewable energy partnership to benefit rural areas.
- Set a directive with our meter agent to select providers based on a blend of cost and renewable energy sources.

Scope 3 – 7,204 tonnes (92%)

- Work with partners and suppliers, focusing on the top 30 highest spends, to understand their existing emissions and work to reduce. Expectation is that some will be performing better than the national average which could reduce scope by 20 - 40%.
- Where they do not currently measure GHG emissions, help them on their journey to measure and reduce for future years tracking and reporting.
- Consolidate existing supplier list focusing on a split of commercial and environmental criteria.

Nature Based Solutions – Carbon Capture and Offsetting

- Consult NGOs within our network footprint such as North York Moors and the Yorkshire Dales, part of the Nation Parks UK and look to support a local project within their Net Zero With Nature (NZWN) program.
- Establishing land management schemes on land owned or leased by QCL to achieve effective 'nature-based' emissions sequestration to reduce the company's annual scope 1 and 2 emissions.
- Investigate our own program of carbon offsetting with purchased land where we could, protect, rewild or restore habitats.

Certification and Accreditations

B Corp is a globally recognised certification that demonstrate a business meets high standards of social and environmental performance. QCL are working towards B Corp certification with a target of certification in 2024.

QCL are currently in the process of achieving ISO 14001 certification as part of our overall management procedures. Accreditation is expected before the end of 2023.

We have produced an Environmental Policy, ESG Corporate Policy and a Sustainable Procurement Policy to support this.

Declaration and sign off

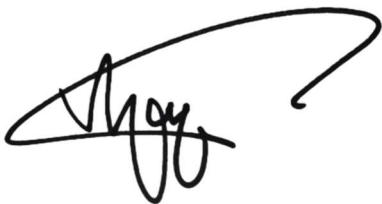
This Carbon Reduction Plan has been completed in accordance with PPN 06/21 and associated guidance and reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans.

Emissions have been reported and recorded in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the GHG Reporting Protocol corporate standard and uses the appropriate Government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting.

Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions have been reported in accordance with SECR requirements, and the required subset of Scope 3 emissions have been reported in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Standard.

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been reviewed and signed off by Quickline Communications Limited Chief Executive Officer

Signed on behalf of Quickline Communications Limited

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Gray', with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Chief Executive Officer

Date: