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## Unipart again ranked amongst UK's best companies for Corporate Responsibility

For a third year running Unipart Group, one of Europe's leading private logistics, manufacturing and consultancy companies, has retained its platinum status in the Business in the Community's 2012 Corporate Responsibility Index - the UK's leading benchmark of responsible business. This achievement rates Unipart amongst the top companies in the world for best environmental, community, workplace and business practices.

The BITC CR Index sets out a framework to help companies integrate and improve corporate responsibility throughout their business by providing a systematic approach to managing, measuring and reporting on business impact in society and the environment. Companies that achieve a platinum rating in the index have demonstrated their deep commitment to corporate responsibility through improving their performance continually over a number of years.

Unipart has been taking part in the BITC Index since its launch, ten years ago and has consistently improved its rating over the years. The Unipart Way - the company's business philosophy and business system for delivering continuous improvement – has enabled the company to integrate and embed corporate responsibility activity into every area of its business processes and has accelerated the company's ability to engage people in improvement programmes in every part of the company.

Commenting on the platinum award, John Neill, Unipart's Group Chief Executive said: "We are delighted to have achieved platinum status for a third time. Corporate responsibility is a core value for Unipart and across our organisation our employees are working to make a difference in the community, in creating responsible supply chains and in environmental programmes."

"This platinum award is a great tribute to their efforts and our shared commitment to develop our people to excel in everything they do through training, coaching and the strong philosophy of continuous improvement that our people bring to life everyday."

Stephen Howard, Chief Executive, Business in the Community said: "I congratulate Unipart Group on achieving the platinum rating in the 2012 BITC Corporate Responsibility Index. The CR Index has helped to highlight clearly those best practice

examples that bring to life in a powerful way what integrated responsible practice really looks like. As we celebrate 10 years of our CR Index it has given me great pleasure to witness each company's responsible business journey and the transformations they are making both within their businesses and the impact they have in our communities".

*More information on Unipart Group's community and environmental activities can be found in the company's [CSR report](#) on the Group's website. The full results of the 2012 CR Index, were published in the Financial Times on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012.*

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## **Editors' Notes:**

### **About The Unipart Group**

The Unipart Group employs more than 10,000 personnel worldwide and has an annual turnover of more than £1billion. It is a leading full service logistics provider and consultant in operational excellence.

Operating across a range of market sectors, including automotive, leisure, marine, manufacturing, mobile telecoms, rail, retail and technology, Unipart offers a breadth of services from third party logistics to expert consultancy.

All Unipart sites operate according to the Group's proprietary version of Lean known as The Unipart Way. This is a philosophy of working underpinned by tools and techniques that inspires efficiency, flexibility and outstanding customer service in any process.

Unipart also offers expert consultancy in implementing Lean principles and in supply chain management across a variety of industry sectors.

The Group's clients include Sainsbury's, ASOS.com, Homebase, Vodafone, BMW, Three, BSKyB, Aston Martin, Jaguar Land Rover, and HMRC.

### **About the BITC CR Index**

Business in the Community's CR Index is the UK's leading voluntary benchmark of corporate responsibility (CR). It helps companies to integrate and improve CR throughout their operations by providing a systematic approach to managing, measuring and reporting on business impacts in society and on the environment

For the past ten years the CR Index has inspired and challenged over 350 companies to continuously improve their impact on society and the environment. This year we expect to have more than 100 companies participate publicly and use our tool to both improve their management practices and communicate to stakeholders how seriously they take their CR agenda.

### **The Platinum Index banding explained:**

Companies achieving the Platinum performance band tend to have corporate responsibility (CR) integrated into their business model and clear CR responsibilities and incentive structures at both board and operational levels. These companies have a structured approach to data collection and social and environmental impact assessment. They can demonstrate 3-4 years of performance improvement across their keys impacts. They act and report with a high level of transparency and stakeholder engagement, and the materiality, completeness and responsiveness of their CR reporting and published data is often third party assured.