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**BAXTER HEALTHCARE ACHIEVES BRAND EMISSION LEADER STATUS IN NEW
UK SURVEY ON CARBON**

COMPTON, February 8 2010, Baxter Healthcare's programme and achievements in the area of carbon management and disclosure have been recognised in a new UK based project.

The Brand Emissions Leaders project aims to provide an annual rating of the carbon performance of the leading brands operating in the UK. In 2009, it ranked over 600 brands divided into 31 sectors.

To gain Brand Emission Leader status an organisation must do well in three areas:

- 1) Achieve absolute carbon reductions
- 2) Have a relatively low carbon intensity
- 3) Have ambitious targets to reduce carbon emissions further

Baxter has reported its global Carbon Emissions through the Carbon Disclosure Project since 2003, and our principal manufacturing sites manage and reduce carbon emissions through our Lean Energy programme. This programme, launched in 2007, is to ensure that our biggest users of energy demonstrate best practice. The programme has four levels: pre-requisite, bronze, silver and gold. Projects such as introducing better monitoring equipment at our Thetford manufacturing facility, has helped Thetford to be one of only two globally who are on track to meet the challenging 'gold' standard

of the programme in 2010. The Building Management System involved the installation of 43 extra electricity and gas metering points.

Thetford Plant Manager, John Grima said. “The Building Management System has allowed our engineers to gain a detailed insight into where we are using energy at a departmental level, so that further areas for improvement can be identified. Not only does this help us identify CO2 savings, it makes sure that everyone is accountable for CO2 reductions, not just the Energy Manager. This raises awareness internally, and helps to drive the culture change which will bring sustained environmental improvement year on year.”

Harry Keenan, General Manager Baxter UK, said “We are delighted that our carbon management efforts are recognised through this project. Mitigating the impacts of climate change through reducing the carbon footprint of our operations and products remains one of our most important UK sustainability goals.”

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About Baxter

Baxter’s commitment to sustainability spans three decades. The company is included in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index and has been recognized by Innovest Strategic Value Advisors as one of the Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations in the World and by *Corporate Responsibility Officer* magazine as one of the 100 Best Corporate Citizens. Baxter was also recently ranked first in the healthcare category of Newsweek’s Green Rankings. Baxter is a member of the Center for Corporate Citizenship at Boston College, the Business Environmental Leadership Council of the Pew Center on Global Climate change, the Chicago Climate Exchange, the U.S. EPA’s Climate Leaders, and the Ethics & Compliance Officer Association. Baxter endorses the Ceres principles and is an organisational stakeholder of the Global Reporting Initiative.

Baxter Healthcare Ltd. is the primary domestic operating subsidiary of Baxter International Inc. (NYSE: BAX). Baxter is a global, diversified healthcare company that develops products and therapies to make a meaningful difference in the lives of people with life-threatening conditions such as haemophilia, kidney disease, immune disorders and other chronic and acute conditions.

About Brand Emission Leaders

More information on the Brand Emission Leaders project can be found at www.brandemissions.com