



## **Daikin achieves world first with responsible sourcing rating for air conditioning units**

*Daikin Europe N.V. has become the first manufacturer of HVAC equipment in the world to achieve the BRE's internationally respected BES 6001 responsible sourcing standard for its VRV air conditioning system, providing the industry with third party verification of its supply chain.*

The BES 6001 standard was developed by the BRE to demonstrate responsible sourcing throughout the supply chain by proving product stewardship against social, economic and environmental sustainability criteria. As the standard is recognised by BREEAM, the world's leading building rating scheme, and rated as Very Good, specifiers and contractors can potentially gain additional BREEAM credits by choosing a certified product, safe in the knowledge it has been responsibly sourced and manufactured.

The responsible sourcing covers the Daikin Group's European-made products including its high efficiency VRV range. The Daikin Group offers products which utilise the latest technologies in both air conditioning and fluorochemicals to provide comfort in all aspects of peoples' lives globally. Through developing energy-efficient technologies, Daikin has brought to market products and services with restricted CO2 emissions which contribute to sustainable development across society.

The BRE BES 6001 Framework Standard for the Responsible Sourcing of Construction Products is the leading framework for product manufacturers to demonstrate responsible sourcing of their products. The standard encompasses organisational and supplier management systems alongside environmental and social characteristics of the business.

Commenting on this achievement, Dr Shamir Ghumra, Head of Responsible Sourcing at BRE said, 'This is a significant milestone for the construction products sector. Early adopters of the BES 6001 standard have had shorter and less complex supply chains. Daikin has demonstrated a genuine commitment to responsible sourcing by assessing the many components of their air conditioning units made in Belgium proving that certification can be achieved for complex products.'

Graham Wright, Legislation Specialist at Daikin UK Ltd, added, 'This is yet another significant endorsement for Daikin products. Over the past ten years we have invested in reducing our organisational impact - and the embodied impact we pass on to the users of our products. The BES 6001 standard allowed us to collate a range of supply chain management practices and our own environmental and social



performance into a single consistent framework, and allows us to support our clients in the BREEAM process as a result. The Very Good rating shows that we have reached an unparalleled position in the industry for responsible sourcing, as well as highlighting areas in which we can continue to improve.'

To find out how Daikin can assist you in getting the best BREEAM score, [visit our minisite](#)

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## NOTES TO EDITOR

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### **About Daikin Europe N.V.**

Daikin Europe N.V. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Daikin Industries Limited and a major European producer of air conditioners, heating systems and refrigeration equipment, with approximately 5,500 employees throughout Europe and major manufacturing facilities based in Belgium, the Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Turkey and the UK.

Globally, Daikin is renowned for its pioneering approach to product development and the unrivalled quality and versatility of its integrated solutions. With more than 90 years' experience in the design and manufacture of heating and cooling technologies, Daikin is a market leader in heat pump technology.

### **About BES 6001**

**Framework Standard for the Responsible Sourcing of Construction Products** is an independent third-party certification scheme which aims to assess responsible sourcing policies and practices throughout the supply chain of any construction product. Full details are [here](#)

**BREEAM** is the internationally recognised measure of sustainability for buildings and communities. More than 530,000 certificates have been issued under BREEAM on more than 24,000 projects around the world, and over 2.2 million buildings and communities are registered for certification. BREEAM is used in more than 70 countries. More information at [www.breeam.com](http://www.breeam.com)

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