



Press Release

First climate neutral campus in Germany: 3C Group cooperates with Leuphana University of Luneburg to ensure the success of its ambitious climate neutral program

Frankfurt, June 4, 2007 – The Leuphana University of Luneburg is the first university in Germany to climate neutralize their campus operations.

Dr. Sascha Lafeld, Member of the Board at the 3C Group applauds the university's role as a pioneer among educational institutions. "Leuphana University Luneburg is on its way to become the first climate neutral university in Germany. We can certify that its central campus operations are now climate neutral."

German Environment Minister Sigmar Gabriel envisions a leading role for German universities in reaching Germany's emission reduction goals. He congratulated the Leuphana University to its climate neutral strategy.

The university explained that it aims to operate completely climate neutral in the near future. The CO₂ emissions produced by commuter traffic, heating and business trips will be reduced to a minimum. The remaining, unavoidable emissions of 1.209 tonnes will be offset this year by the 3C Group with high quality emission reduction credits that support a biomass plant in India.

The plant is a registered CDM project that has been verified by the UN and validated by SGS, a leading environmental verification company. Rice husks, available in huge amounts from surrounding rice mills, produce sustainable electricity for the local power grid. Without the project the rice husks would simply decompose.

The Leuphana University integrates practical and innovative energy-saving concepts into its daily routine. A photovoltaic plant produces climate friendly electricity and simultaneously functions as a model for physics, IT and environment management studies at the university. Internal communication campaigns draw people's attention to energy reduction measures to significantly reduce the daily electricity and heat consumption.

Please find further information on the climate-friendly activities of the Leuphana University at <http://www.uni-lueneburg.de/uni/index.php?id=4440>

Background information on climate neutrality:

The underlying concept of Climate Neutrality is startlingly simple: Greenhouse gases cause damage globally. Therefore it is irrelevant where emissions are caused or where they are reduced. So unavoidable greenhouse gas emissions in location A can be neutralized by additional protective measures in location B. Emissions caused by air travel are the only ones where this rule does not apply without qualifications. Almost any activity – using transport, producing goods or using office space – can be organized in a climate-neutral fashion. 3C will first calculate the greenhouse gas emissions caused by the activities. Then we buy a corresponding amount of high quality emissions reduction certificates from certified climate protection projects on behalf of those who wish to compensate for their emissions. The certificates are then irrevocably withdrawn from the market. This process is commensurate with an investment in a climate protection project. Proven compensation of emissions will then be certified.

About 3C Group - As one of the leading Carbon Asset Management firms in Europe, 3C (<http://www.3c-company.com>) originates and procures carbon credits from CDM and JI projects around the world. 3C Group draws upon an extensive international network of project developers, financial institutions, technology providers and emission reduction experts. 3C Markets AG provides consulting services regarding emission trading and hedging strategies, especially within the EU ETS. The Carbon Investment Advisory offers comprehensive expertise on carbon funds and project based Kyoto-mechanisms. Furthermore, 3C is among the world's leaders for climate neutral services.