

# Summary of carboNZero certification:



## Four Acres Limited

Year 3 of 3 year certificate period

*Four Acres Limited (also trading as Cook at Home Paella, Jose's Spanish Churros, and Pepitos) meets the requirements of carboNZero<sup>Cert™</sup> certification having measured its greenhouse gas emissions in accordance with ISO 14064-1:2006; committed to managing and reducing its emissions; and neutralised its remaining unavoidable emissions through the cancellation of an appropriate number of verified carbon credits in respect of the operational activities of its organisation.*



**Introduction<sup>1</sup>** – Four Acres Limited was founded in 2003, with a goal to make the internet easy to understand and affordable to small businesses in New Zealand. Four Acres Limited currently host over 400 websites within its server hosting environment which consists of 9 managed DELL and HP Servers, which consume over 500Gb of traffic per month (of which 1/3 is international traffic). Four Acres Limited also looks after over 600 domains (with or without email services). Four Acres Limited constantly seeks to improve our hosting and email services to our clients. Four Acres Limited supports clients in 24 countries worldwide and has written websites running in 12 different languages, demonstrating it is truly a multi-national business.

It also has a Catering element to the business covering the brands “Cook at Home Paella”, “Jose’s Spanish Churros” and “Pepitos”

**Boundary** – The boundary for the preparation of the organisation’s greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory is for one site. All business activities have been included.

**Consolidation approach** – Operational control

**Base year** – 01/04/2009 to 31/03/2010

**Measurement period** – 1/04/2012 to 31/03/2013

**Emissions source inclusions** – the diagram below shows the operational GHG emissions for Four Acres Limited by emissions source. Four Acres Limited’s total emissions for this period were:

Emissions scopes	tCO <sub>2</sub> e
Scope 1	10.71
Scope 2	2.94
Scope 3	13.74
<b>Total inventory*</b>	<b>27.39</b>

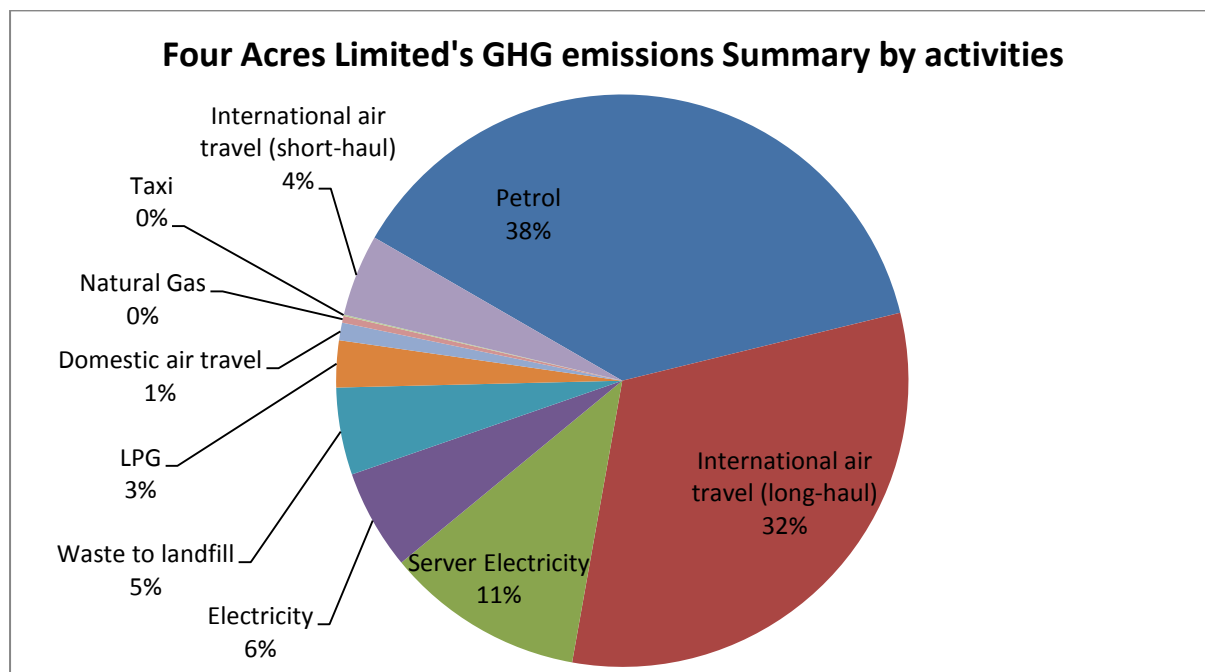
<sup>1</sup> **Disclaimer:** This Disclosure Statement is a summary of the verified information considered for certification and the certification decision. It should not be taken to represent the full submission for certification. While every effort has been made to ensure that the information in this Disclosure Statement is accurate and complete, Enviro-Mark Solutions Limited does not, to the maximum extent permitted by law, give any warranty or guarantee relating to the accuracy or reliability of the information.

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### Emissions source exclusions –

Business activities that create the emissions	GHG emissions source	Scope	Reason for excluding the emissions source
Sending mail	Post and Couriers	3	Emissions calculation previous measure which can be excluded based on <i>de minimis</i> rule
Business Trips	Ferry rides	3	Emissions calculation previous measure which can be excluded based on <i>de minimis</i> rule

**Emissions reduction commitments –** Four Acres Limited has developed a GHG emissions reduction plan. Some projects in this plan include:

- Replace lighting with LED lights
- Convert server environment to cloud
- Discontinue use of property in Russell

### Emissions reductions and removals

Base year GHG emissions = 18.12 tCO<sub>2</sub>e

GHG emissions calculated for this reporting period = 27.39 tCO<sub>2</sub>e

Difference in Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions from base year = 4.07 tCO<sub>2</sub>e

Additional comments or notes: One major reason for the increase in emissions since the base year is the expansion of the scope in year two to include also the electricity used by servers provided by a third party. Base year figure needs to be revised to include server electricity.

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**Offset** – 28 BIOGAS – Kinauni credits, serial numbers 17008150-17008177, have been cancelled on the carbonZero register and will be cancelled (or equivalent) on the relevant external registry within one month of certification.

**Verified by** – Enviro-Mark Solutions Limited

**Threshold of materiality** – Excluded emissions do not exceed 5% of the total footprint for organisation boundary stated.

**Level of assurance** – Reasonable

**Certification status** – carbonZero certified “organisation”

**Certificate number** – 2011101J – Year 3 of 3 year certificate period

**Valid until** – 31 July 2014