

Greenport Americas 2010:

The Why and How of Carbon Neutrality for Ports



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Our starting point

"Periodically, major new forces dramatically reshape the business world...

While many companies may still think of global warming as a corporate social responsibility issue, business leaders need to approach it in the same hard headed manner as any other strategic threat or opportunity."

Harvard Business Review, 2008.



The CarbonNeutral Company's credentials

A world leading provider of carbon reduction solutions

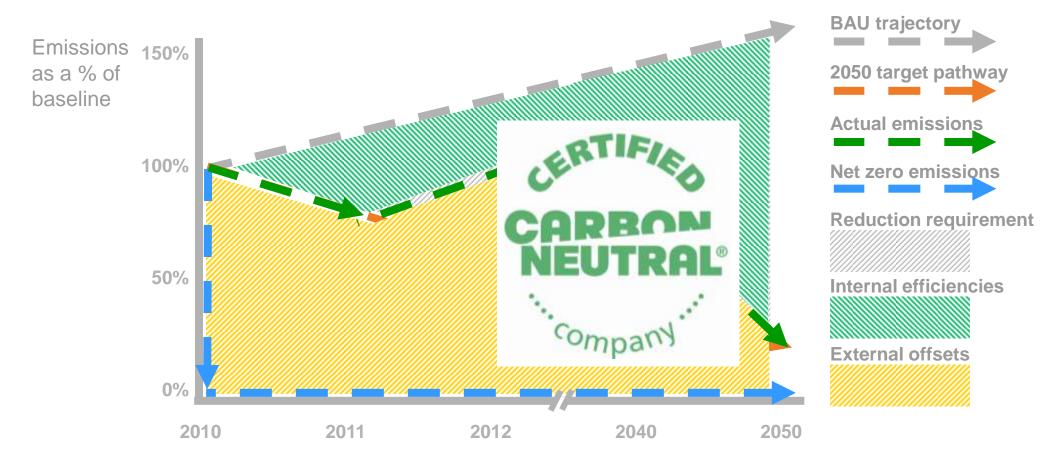
- Leading international carbon management and carbon offset company
- 12 years experience in the industry
- International with regional HQs in New York, London and Singapore
- 300+ multi-national clients and 100s of SMEs across 32 countries
- Industry leading quality assurance program

"The CarbonNeutral Company is one of the few offset providers supplying good quality advice and carbon offsets, and I applaud them for the integrity with which they have driven forward the agenda on standards."

Sir Jonathon Porritt, Ex-Chair, UK Sustainable Development Commission

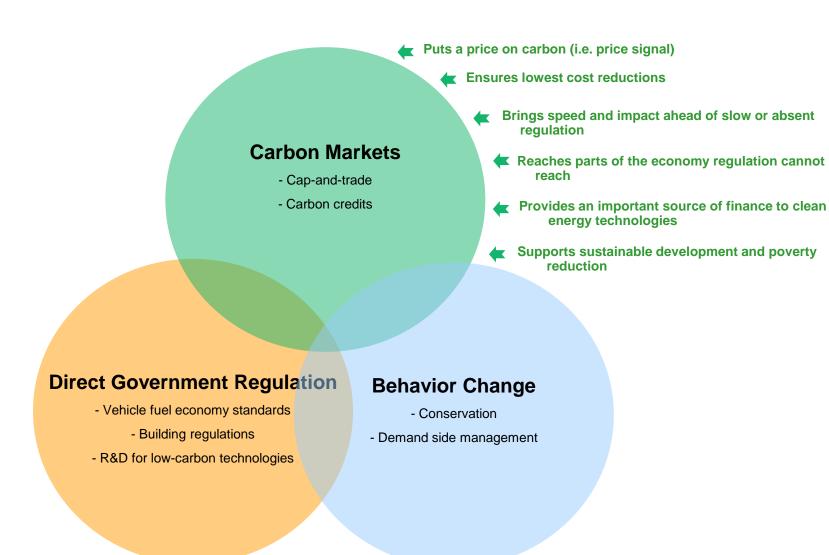


What is carbon neutrality?





The role of the carbon market in addressing climate change





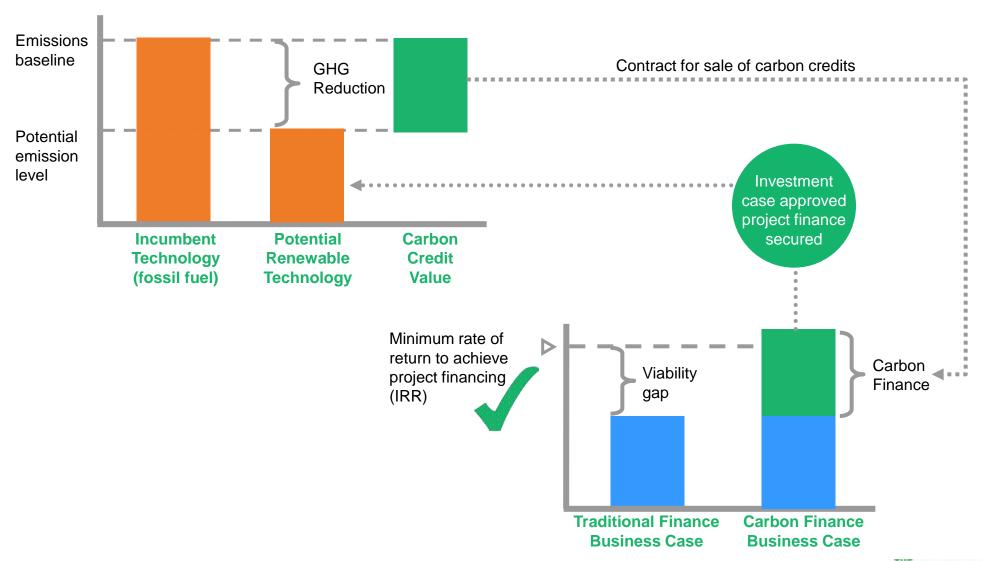
Outsourcing emission reductions is a business decision



- Businesses pay to outsource emissions reductions when it is more cost-efficient or technologically feasible than doing so in-house
- In the same way as if they were making the decision to outsource a business process like accounts payable or payroll, or when a household sends its waste to be recycled.
- Every business makes strategic decisions to make or buy, to in-source or outsource, and delivering emissions reductions is no different.



What is a carbon offset?





Essential elements of an emissions reduction project

1. REAL

All emission reductions generated them must be proven to have genuinely taken place

2. MEASURABLE

All emission reductions must be quantifiable using recognized measurement tools and techniques within standard margins of measurement error with leakage taken into consideration

3. ADDITIONAL

Emission reductions projects, but be able to prove that the project is additional, and would not have taken place without the help of carbon finance

4. INDEPENDENTLY VERIFIED

In order to provide sufficient guarantees to buyers emission reductions should be verified by an approved independent third party verifier with the expertise necessary in both the country and sector in which the project is taking place to provide an adequate level of assurance

5. UNIQUE

Double counting is prevented through the use of registries, that track ownership and eventual cancelation for regulatory compliance

Carbon finance enables the transition to a low carbon economy





















Where do carbon offsets come from?

Hydro Generation



Coal Mine Methane



Livestock Methane



Solar Power



Forestry



Wind Power











RECs – a historical perspective

- Originally envisioned as a compliance tracking tool for a national renewable energy portfolio standard (RPS) proposed in the mid-1990s
 - The RPS was not passed but RECs were adapted for use in the voluntary market
 - Today, RECs are used in both the compliance (utilities) and voluntary markets
- Definition: A REC is a certificate that is issued when one megawatt-hour of electricity is generated and delivered to the grid from a qualifying renewable energy source, such as wind, solar, or biomass
 - 29 states now have RPS and there are significant differences in the definition
- Over time definition of a REC extended to include ambiguously defined "environmental attributes" or "benefits"

 SO_2 ?

NOx?

Particulate?

Water Quality?

Land Use?

GHGs?



The two fundamental requirements that RECs don't address

Additionality

- The most important characteristic of a carbon offset is its additionality.
- Projects must provide a rigorous demonstration of additionality to prove they would not have happened under a business as usual scenario.
- Projects that fail to meet the commonly accepted tests for additionality are not eligible to sell greenhouse gas offsets.

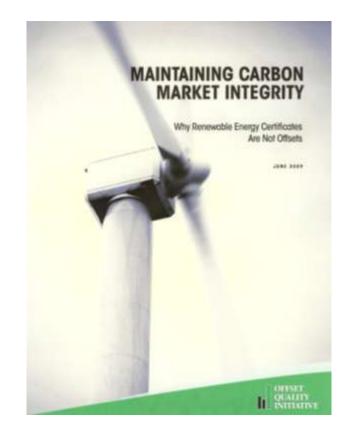
Ownership and Double Counting of emission reductions

- Clear ownership of emission reductions is fundamental to avoid double counting.
- If ownership is contested it is likely that multiple parties will make reduction claims based on the same megawatt hour of renewable electricity.
- Clear policies and reporting mechanisms are required to convey and track ownership to avoid double counting.



Recommended further reading

- OQI has emerged to provide a unified, non-partisan, credible, and impartial source of information regarding GHG offsets
- OQI believes that offsets have a vital role to play in combating global climate change and should be included in state, regional, and federal climate legislation



Report available to download at http://www.offsetqualityinitiative.org/briefings.html









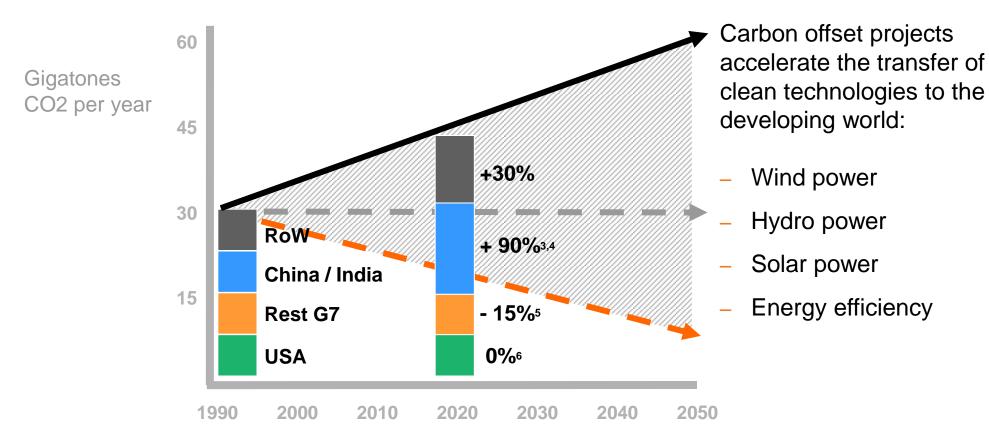






Rationale for offset-inclusive strategies

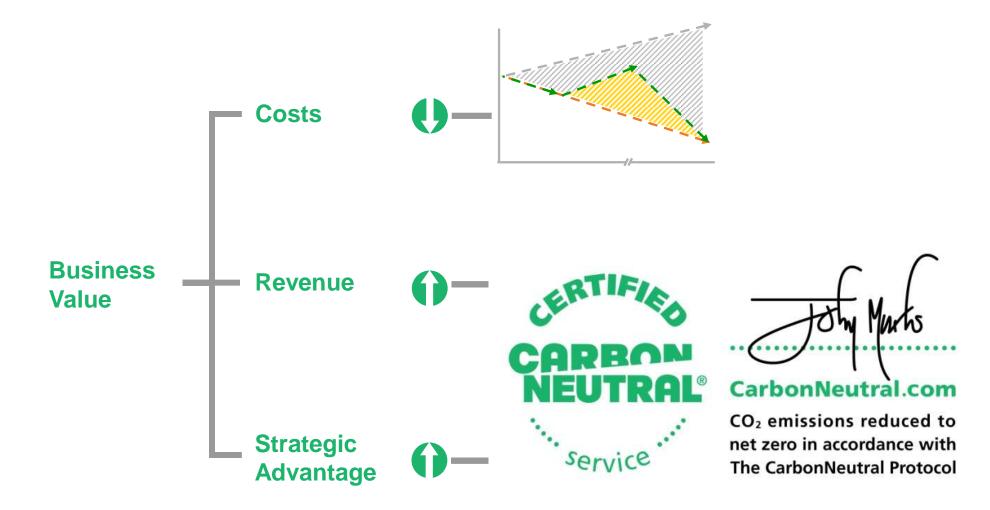
Action across the global economy is required





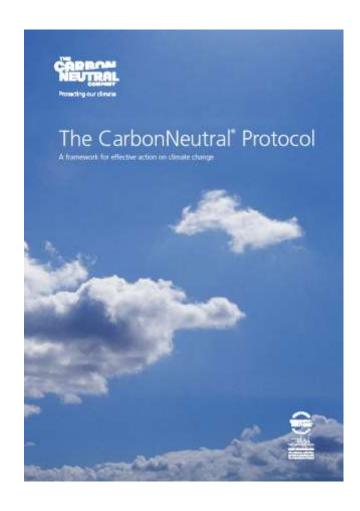
Capturing value from action beyond regulation







A framework for effective action on climate



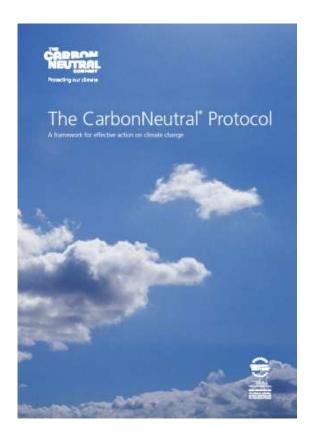


CO₂ emissions reduced to net zero in accordance with The CarbonNeutral Protocol



The CarbonNeutral® Protocol

- The CarbonNeutral® Protocol is the standard to which we operate
- Describes the requirements for achieving the CarbonNeutral brand mark including:
 - Carbon footprinting
 - Internal reductions
 - External reductions
 - Branding & communications
- The CNP is one of the most recognized branded standards for beyond-compliance action on climate change
- Its development and our application of the associated processes are informed by and Independent Advisory Group of NGO's, scientists, academics and businesses





Working with a trusted partner is critical

Independent experts used to calculate client carbon Footprints





Footprints calculated in accordance with internationally accepted standards: WBCSD/WRI - GHG Protocol





Source standards of carbon credits to meet our clients requirements







Robust independent evidence that the CO2 reductions promised to clients are delivered







Guarantee that every ton of carbon offset purchased by our clients is delivered



100%

Publicly publish all emission reduction projects on an online publicly accessible registry





A published carbon accounting policy and subject our application of it to annual independent audits





Guidance from an independent advisory group of experts from industry, NGO's, policy makers and academia





Member of ICROA (International Carbon Reduction & Offset Alliance) and subject to the ICROA code of best practice







How it works in practice: Belfast Harbour

World first with CarbonNeutral® status in 2008

- Targeting 20% reduction by 2012 by engaging with staff, tenants and local residents
- "Green Tariff" electricity, & exploring on-site renewable solutions.
- Harbour Environmental Forum incorporates a "best practice" club & resource efficiency workshops.
- Innovative street- and flood-lighting pilot scheme for areas such as quays, public amenity areas & streets.
- Developed cartoon character, Webster 'The Port Monster', to engage local schools & community.
- Retired quality carbon offsets from renewable energy projects in China, Peru & India to get to net-zero.







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Results

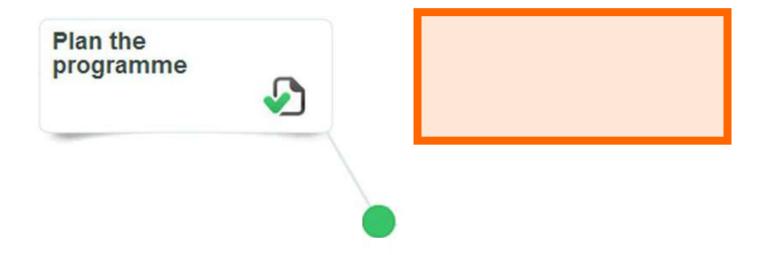
- CO2 emissions reduced by 12% overall since 2005.
- Recycling increased from 38% to 72%, & landfill waste reduced by 240 tonnes.
- Raised the port profile substantively since becoming CarbonNeutral®.
- 'Irish Port of the Year' in Annual Export & Freight Transport & Logistics Awards
- Safety and Environmental Manager named 'Environmental Leader of the Year' at Sustainable Ireland Energy, Environmental & Waste Management Awards
- Awards for Webster 'the Port Monster' environmental education programme







The process





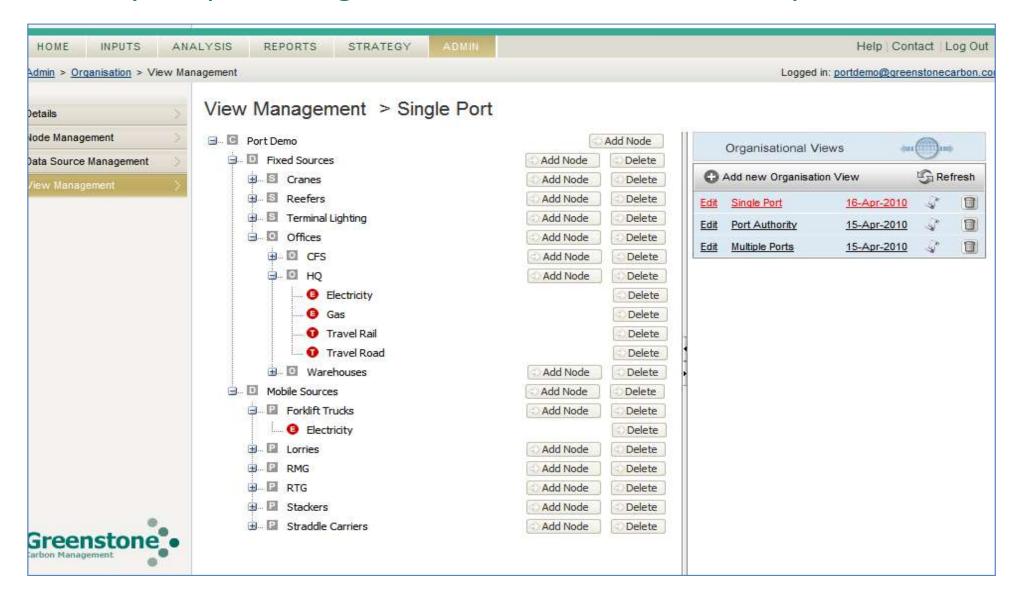


Acco2unt solution for Greenport 2010

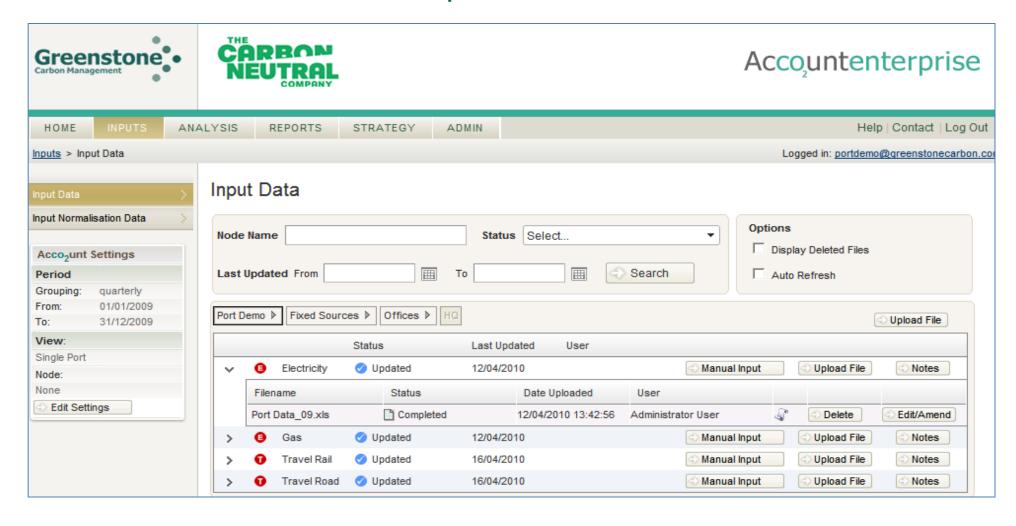
- Acco₂unt enables ports to measure and manage carbon emissions using an efficient and consistent methodology.
- Benefits of Acco₂unt:
 - Single repository of data from operational data already held in disparate sources.
 - Automatic calculations remove manual processes and reduce the margin of error.
 - Accurate baselines give more effective, targeted reduction & management plans.
 - Automated reports meet internal and compliance reporting requirements.
- Visit The CarbonNeutral Company booth for further information.



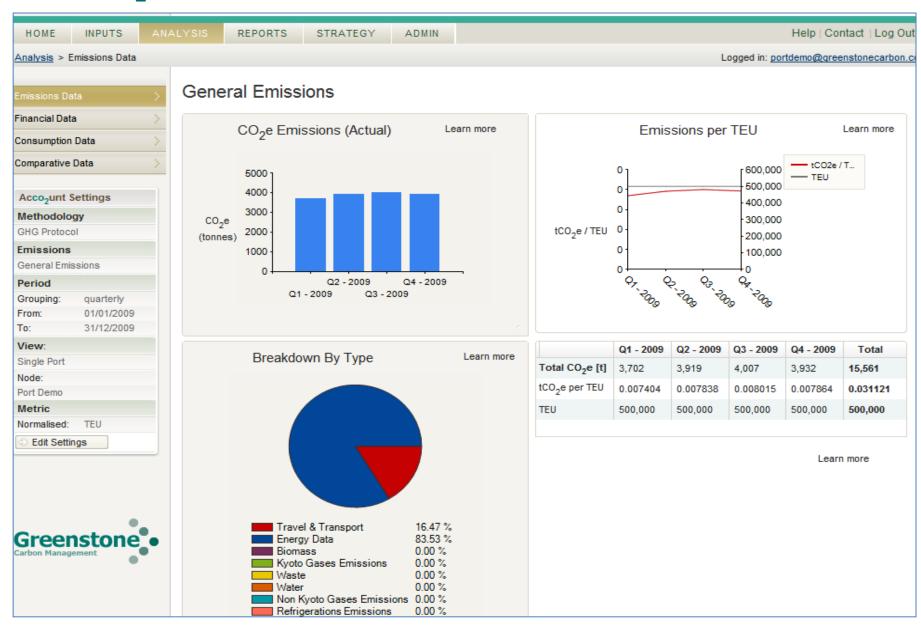
Create your port's organisational structure and scope



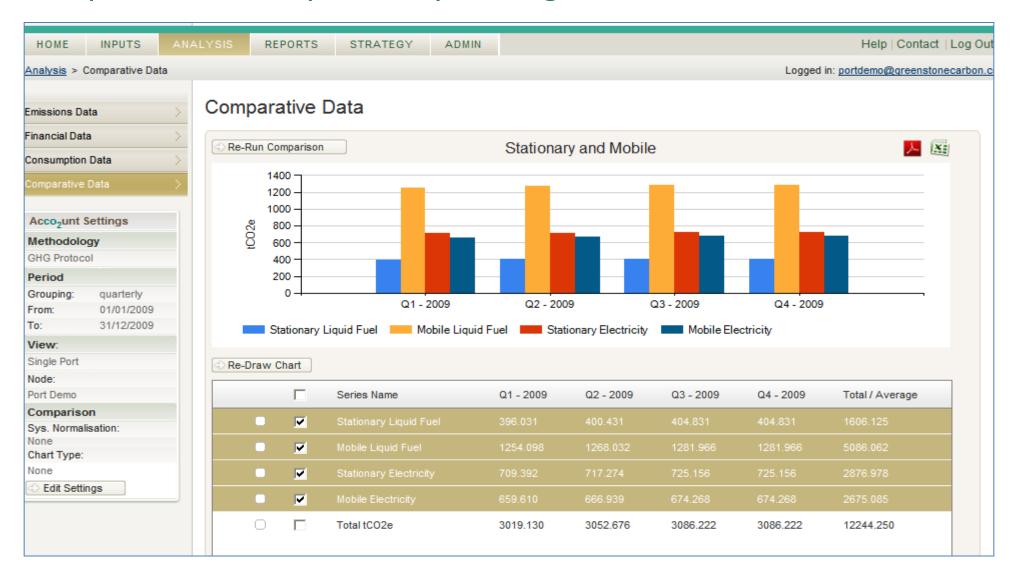
View an auditable and transparent data audit trail



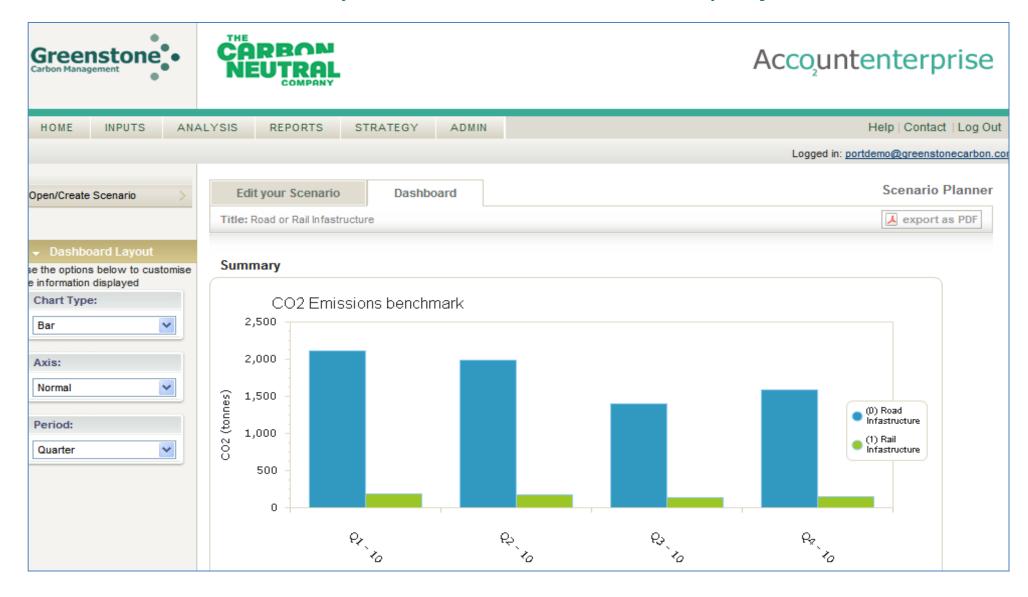
View CO₂e at any organisational level and per TEU



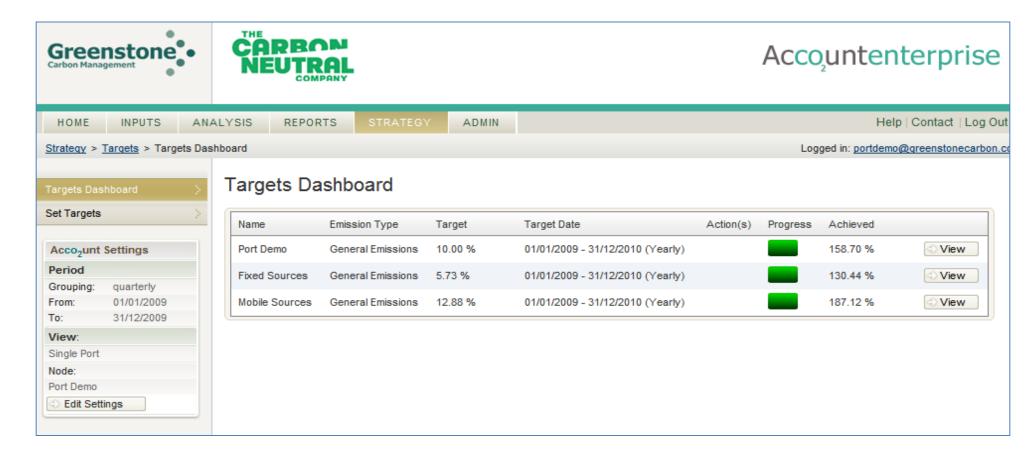
Compare different parts of your organisation



Model "what if" analyses of future reduction projects



Set reduction targets at any organisational level





Webinars May 19th and 20th !!

Thank You!

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