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STATEMENT FROM BRUCE KIRTON, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, REFCOM

At Refcom, we are increasingly being asked what we think of other companies offering to provide F-Gas certification. We have no doubt whatsoever that Refcom is the best scheme available, and these are just some of the reasons why:

- Refcom has run a voluntary certification scheme on behalf of the RAC sector for 15 years and has full backing and support from across the industry, including organisations such as ACRIB and HVCA.
- Refcom has been involved in the development of the F-Gas Regulations from the outset and has worked closely with Defra and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (formerly BERR) to ensure that the certification scheme is as *light touch* and *low cost* as possible whilst maintaining our existing high standards for refrigerant handling
- Refcom fees are set at a level that covers the scheme's administration and auditing requirements, as required by Defra. Refcom Certification Ltd is not allowed to distribute a profit and any surplus arising must be used either to support the aims of the F Gas Regulations or to reduce certification fees in later years.

All those that have the best interests of the industry and environment at heart would wish to see the F-Gas Regulations succeed and it is vital that any certification body has the full backing of all the industry stakeholders and is competent to deliver a credible certification auditing service. Refcom has that backing and the knowledge and experience to deliver the high level of service the industry expects.

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