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*Capespan subsidiary*

### FPT takes action to reduce carbon footprint

Environmentally conscious FPT, a Capespan subsidiary, has embarked on an exhaustive carbon footprint analysis. This formed part of an overall analysis and study being conducted within the fruit supply chain from orchard to overseas distribution centre, announced FPT's Kevin McCullough. "The exercise will include packaging, refrigeration and transport, establishing a carbon footprint on each leg of the supply chain," he said.



Climate change is a global emergency. Not only do Capespan and its subsidiaries recognise this inconvenient truth, they're determined to make a difference by slashing their carbon footprint.



*Pallet in new Outspan loaded in Cape Town Harbor*

Electricity consumption contributes 98% towards FPT's total carbon footprint. McCullough confirmed that an industrial engineering consultant had been contracted to perform energy audits at the Addo Cold Store and the terminals in Durban and Port Elizabeth. "With comprehensive information on electrical power consumption at our facilities we'd be able to split the carbon footprint into selected service groups. Thus, we have benchmarked electricity consumption and cost to identify improvement opportunities." To set responsible improvement targets, estimated implementation costs of the improvement areas and potential savings in greenhouse gas emissions are being established currently.

Meanwhile, employee information awareness sessions have been conducted at all FPT terminals. McCullough said the 2007 results would be used as a baseline for future reporting on improvement trends. "These measurements will be incorporated into the company's Balanced Scorecard and will be tracked continuously."