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**Premier Farnell announces another green packaging process
for customer shipments**

**Recyclable and sustainable materials combine with lower energy
machinery to deliver environmentally friendly packaging solution**

Premier Farnell plc (“Farnell”), the leading multi-channel, high service distributor supporting millions of engineers and purchasing professionals globally, has implemented its second environmentally friendly packaging process for customer shipments in as many months. The new approach, which follows last month’s introduction of biodegradable plastic cell packaging for integrated circuits (ICs), brings together the latest biodegradable and recyclable materials with high efficiency packaging machinery that dramatically reduces energy use.

Now in place at its Leeds warehousing facility, the new process sees air-filled plastic 'void fill' materials replaced with an environmentally friendly alternative based on recyclable paper from sustainable sources. At the same time the company is migrating to packing boxes manufactured from recyclable materials.

To support the use of the new materials the company has invested in the latest high-speed packaging machines. The new machines convert the recyclable paper into a star configuration and offer further environmental benefits as they use less energy than the systems required to blow air into the plastic void fill used previously.

The investment in new packaging materials and systems is further evidence of Premier Farnell's stated objective to continually reduce the environmental impact of its operations. This commitment includes ensuring that sites meet the ISO 14001 2004 environmental management standard and targets to reduce carbon emissions

Caroline Walker, Group Head of Corporate Social Responsibility and Environmental Affairs at Premier Farnell, states: “We have always used environmentally friendly materials wherever possible. By using recyclable boxing and packing materials from sustainable sources for all customer shipments, and by investing in packaging systems that reduce energy use, we will further minimise the impact of our operations on the environment in line with our corporate social responsibility goals.”

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About Premier Farnell

Premier Farnell plc (LSE:pfl) is a leading high service, multi-channel distributor of electronic, maintenance, repair and operation products and specialist services throughout Europe, the Americas and Asia Pacific. It goes to market with a differentiated value proposition, world-class marketing, a stocked range of 400,000+ products, and access to 4,000,000 more items from 3,000 top manufacturers. The company has group sales of £823.1m and 4470 employees globally.

While global in scope, Premier Farnell recognizes the individual needs of each market and has continued to internationalize its model accordingly, trading locally under different brand names. Its primary electronics businesses trade as **Farnell** in the UK, Europe, Australia and New Zealand, **Newark** in the US, Canada and Mexico, and **Premier Electronics** in China. In Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Brazil the operation is known as **Farnell Newark**. For more information visit the website at www.premierfarnell.com

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