



## Star Garment Group's Portfolio of Factories Earns CarbonNeutral® Certification Apparel manufacturer becomes Sri Lanka's largest carbon neutral company

Katunayake, Sri Lanka, Jan. 10, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- Star Garment Group ("Star"), a leading global manufacturing company, announced today that it has been certified as CarbonNeutral® by The Sustainable Future Group (SFG), Sri Lanka's verification and certification body accredited by the International Accreditation Forum to award the ISO 14064 certification. This makes Star both the largest carbon neutral company in Sri Lanka, and the only one in the apparel sector to have all of its 14 factories internationally certified as carbon neutral.

The CarbonNeutral® certification is awarded by Natural Capital Partners to companies that have reduced their carbon footprint to net zero in accordance with The CarbonNeutral Protocol. The CarbonNeutral Protocol is the global standard for carbon neutral certification, providing the pragmatic guidance businesses need to measure Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions and to then build credible reduction solutions through a combination of in-house efficiency measures, renewable energy and external emissions reductions projects. SFG is the regional partner of Natural Capital Partners.

"We believe that as an organization, we should use our global scope of resources to support responsible corporate social initiatives," said Komar President and CEO Charlie Komar. "The effort and investment to achieve this certification underscores Komar's commitment to bold innovation and environmental stewardship. I'm proud that Star is leading the way to minimizing our impact on climate change."

Star targeted becoming a 100% CarbonNeutral® manufacturer by 2022. The Carbon Consulting Company (CCC) was commissioned as Sri Lanka's foremost consultant on integrated corporate sustainability solutions to assess Star's operational impact with GHG Assessments conducted across its 14 facilities, and to develop customized mitigatory measures to reduce their environmental impact. Star invested in a renewable energy carbon credit project to offset its quantified emissions and become carbon neutral.

"We applaud Komar's investment in Star and we are honored to be their partner in achieving their ground-breaking sustainability goal," said Carbon Consulting Company CEO Sanith de S. Wijeyeratne. "It is exciting to see an entire group of factories realize such a momentous step forward within such a short period of time, and should serve as an example for others to follow."

"Ethical and responsible business practices are inherent in our culture, including the importance of operating a sustainable company," said Star Managing Director Arumugampillai Sukumaran. "Star's outstanding achievement is the result of collaboration, managerial focus and the desire to do business in a positive way."

### About Star Garment Group

Founded in 1978, Star Garment Group is a world-class apparel sourcing, design and manufacturing company, based in Sri Lanka. The company provides expert, seamless execution in product development, technical innovation, on-time delivery and personalized customer service to ensure the best quality and value for each of their customers. <https://www.star.lk/about/>

### About Komar

Established in 1908, Komar is a global apparel products company, specializing in the design, marketing, sourcing and distribution of sleepwear, loungewear, intimates, and layering products. The company is an industry leader across a diverse range of competitive retail categories. Komar is proud to represent more than 100 lifestyle brands and licenses through their retail partners, which sell worldwide at every price point. [www.komarbrands.com](http://www.komarbrands.com).