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## **Care UK Specifies Girbau Laundry Equipment for Energy Efficiency, Productivity and Service Excellence**

**11 June 2009** - Care UK, one of the UK's leading health and social care organisations, has equipped the laundry of its newly-opened Manor Lodge care home in Chelmsford, Essex with the latest energy efficient and high productivity machines from Girbau UK, part of the Girbau Group, world-leading manufacturer of commercial and industrial laundry equipment.

The new 120-bed Manor Lodge home is the latest addition to Care UK's nationwide portfolio of 58 nursing and residential care homes and caters for a wide range of residents including those with specialist needs such as dementia and Alzheimer's. Care UK is committed to the highest standards of cleaning and hygiene, of which laundry care is a very important part.

After many years of successful collaboration with Girbau UK, Care UK didn't hesitate in specifying four of the company's 6 Series high-speed washers, four gas dryers and an ironer for this, its latest home. High productivity and energy efficiency were key factors in the selection of Girbau equipment, with the home expecting a large volume of sheets and towels to clean, as well as residents' clothes, which can sometimes require changing as often as two to three times daily. Care UK was also looking for reliability and was attracted to Girbau UK's market-leading warranty package.

Girbau installed three HS6017 19kg capacity, high speed washers and a smaller 14kg HS6013 machine at Manor Lodge care home. Strong and durable, all machines in the Girbau 6 Series range offer spin speeds of up to 1000rpm and have been specifically designed to optimise the use of water and energy. They also provide excellent washing performance with reduced cycle times. Girbau's patented GDRIVE system uses microprocessor control to optimise the high speed spin cycle to suit different types of fabric as well as saving energy, reducing noise & vibration and prolonging machine life.

Equally impressive efficiencies, cost savings and performance are expected from Girbau's gas dryer range. A new GI25-1400 Rotary Ironer was also selected as part of the installation to provide ironing productivity, robust performance and a quality finish.

Commenting on the decision to select Girbau laundry products, Graham Baty, Assistant Facilities Manager, Care UK said: "Continuity is very important to us and is reflected by the strong relationship that we have with Girbau UK stretching back almost 15 years. We always know what we'll get from Girbau: quality, performance and excellent after sales service. Equally important for us is the outstanding value offered by Girbau's warranty package, which is one of the best around."

