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GIRBAU UK LAUNCHES ENERGY AND WATER SAVING 6 SERIES WASHERS

London, 10 January, 2008 – Girbau UK, part of the Girbau Group, world-leading manufacturer of commercial and industrial laundry equipment, today announced the UK launch of the latest 6 Series of high speed (HS) washers, Girbau's most environmentally-friendly washers ever.

Available in three models with capacities of up to 8kg, 13kg and 17kg, the HS 6 series washers reach spin speeds of up to 1000rpm and their wash process has been specifically designed to optimise the use of water and energy. By using less water, while still providing excellent washing, HS 6 series washers also use less detergent and thermal energy as well as reducing filling time. The 8kg model (HS-6008) has already been named the most energy-efficient in its class, according to US body Energy Star.

Tests carried out by Energy Star on the HS-6008 washer showed the machine uses far less water and electricity than the machines of other manufacturers. This model was proved to consume the least energy based on an estimated 392 washes per year or eight loads per week.

Commenting on the outstanding environmental performance of its latest generation of washers Peter Marsh, Managing Director of Girbau UK said, "Public sector and commercial organisations alike are responding to pressure to improve energy efficiency and reduce the impacts on the environment. The 6 Series washers were conceived to be market leaders in providing cost effective washing with minimal environmental impact. I believe the Energy Star ranking validates Girbau's ongoing commitment to leadership in environmental standards."

The materials used in the manufacture of 6 Series washers are also recyclable, but no sacrifice has been made in Girbau's reputation for robustness and quality manufacture established over the past 40 years. The 6 series prototypes have passed all the life tests they were submitted to including more than 40 million cycles.