



Central Oceans

ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

Since its establishment, Central Oceans' management and employees ensure that they are following sound environmental practices. We recognize that our operations have an effect on the local, regional and global environment. As such, Central Oceans is committed to the continuous improvements in environmental performance and the prevention of pollution in all aspects of our business. It shall be ensured that the company's management system complies with national and international regulations, the relevant standards and guidelines and also current health, safety and environmental legislation.

We further strengthen our commitment by pursuing and being awarded with the ISO 14001:2009 certification in environmental management systems.

We have registered with Achilles Green Energy, an organization that is all about facilitating the growth of renewable energy through assuring the quality of supply chains. Central Oceans was validated by Achilles under supplier number 00079832.

It is our guiding principle that, so far as is reasonably practicable, the company shall conduct its activities in such a way as to:

Central Oceans' management and employees aim to:

- Avoid harm to the environment where impacted by its business. Co-ordinate route planning and strategic management of vehicle, vessel and aircraft space to a high level by reducing fuel consumption and therefore lowering exhaust emission. Central Oceans always utilizes the most direct routes when transporting loads to ports for onward shipment. Export loads are preferably shipped via the nearest geographical port, thereby minimizing the distance and time spent on road movements and the consequential impact on the environment. Alternative options to road transport, like rail and barge options, are utilized whenever permitted by the specific circumstances.
- Seek progressive improvement of its environmental performance
- Comply with all applicable legislative requirements
- Minimise environmental incidents
- Minimise the environmental impact of activities by efficient use of resource and waste reduction
- Adopt environmentally safe working practices in our business
- Develop a high level of environmental awareness amongst our employees
- Firmly establish environmental issues as a line Managers prime responsibility

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- Provide competent personnel who are suitably qualified, trained and equipped
- Encourage the involvement and co-operation of all employees to fulfil their obligations under this policy to care for the environment
- Ensure that employees comply fully with the safe systems of work in place at any worksite
- Use environmentally safe and sustainable energy resources to power their offices where available.
- Source and use packaging and cargo securing materials that pose a minimum risk to the environment wherever possible.
- Consider obtaining a more ecologically sustainable fuel for their vehicles wherever possible, without compromising the quality of their business performance.
- Conduct all work using controlled procedures produced in accordance with; suitable and sufficient (environmental) risk assessment of all tasks
- Conduct structured investigations of significant environmental incidents in order to establish the root causes and implement preventative actions
- Consider making their offices as 'paper free' as possible by keeping digital records and recycling/reusing paper where they can and make responsible decisions when disposing of company waste.
- Consider the environmental impact of our purchases in all stages of their life cycle – from design to manufacturing, customer use and disposal.
- Promote recycling, and the use of recycled products and material, whilst also reducing consumption of materials.
- Source raw materials with consideration of the environment and, where possible, and use materials and components that can be recycled.
- As part of our Quality Policy, we monitor and audit our suppliers, take into account client requirements and ensure sub-contractors are able to meet those requirements. We seek to use only companies that endorse an active and effective environmental policy and a positive attitude towards environmental issues.

We will continue to provide our services with due consideration and awareness of environmental issues and concerns.

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