

At Valletta Gateway Terminals (VGT) we are conscious of our social responsibilities with regards to helping the environment through our working practices. Our objective is to sustain our environment for future generations. VGT believes that our corporate responsibility goes beyond our proprietary borders and therefore every effort will be made to conserve resources throughout our operations. VGT endeavours to not only meet existing environmental laws and regulations but also to exceed the current legislation.

VGT's aspirations are as follows: -

Awareness and Commitment

We endeavour to ensure our employees at all levels, contractors and customers are all familiar with and implement our environmental commitments and objectives within our offices and our port facilities.

Practical Implementation:

- ✓ Requiring all staff, contractors and port users to consider and undertake good environmental practices at all times, for all activities.
- ✓ VGT environmental policy will be available to view on our website and facilities.
- ✓ Requiring that activities undertaken within our facility comply at all times with the relevant environmental legislation and regulations.
- ✓ Ensuring good housekeeping policies, confirming debris from quayside is cleaned immediately i.e. oily deposits, scrap metal, fish waste etc. to prevent pollution caused by this waste entering the sea.
- ✓ Working with relevant stakeholders to create and update environmental operational standards to reduce environmental risk.
- ✓ Educating port users on environmental issues, sharing best practices and advising how to achieve conformance with VGT's environmental operational standards.
- ✓ Seeking and incorporating continuous improvements, including technological advances and innovations to current operational standards and practices.
- ✓ Investigating all environmental incidents occurring within the port facility.

Oil pollution

VGT views any oil spill which might occur from its berthed vessels as extremely serious and will seek to prevent the occurrence of oil spillage as far as reasonably possible.

Practical Implementation:

- ✓ VGT prohibits any deliberate discharge into the sea of oil or oily mixtures from its berthed vessels.
- ✓ VGT makes every effort to prevent accidental oil spills through careful attention to fuel management and transfer operations, and by ensuring random patrol by security officers to report any spillage into the sea.
- ✓ VGT will supply spill kits to halt, contain and clean any small spillages.

- ✓ VGT has a sub-contractor on standby to clean and contain any large accidental oil spills.
- ✓ VGT has an oil spill emergency plan.

Transport

VGT endeavours to reduce the impact on the environment through reduction of carbon dioxide emissions.

Practical Implementation:

- ✓ VGT will avoid unnecessary travel and will use energy efficient vehicles where possible.
- ✓ Encourage the use of public transport or to commute by cycling or foot.
- ✓ To eliminate unnecessary and inefficient use of VGT owned motor vehicles, and wherever possible, that of other vehicles (including staff vehicles) associated with VGT. When possible, car-pooling should be implemented.

Energy and Water Consumption

VGT aims to reduce carbon dioxide emissions both by attaining greater efficiency in energy consumption and by acquiring electricity from 'green' sources. VGT will make every effort to use water efficiently and avoid pollutants entering the drainage system

Practical Implementation:

- ✓ VGT will use energy efficient products wherever practical and monitor usage to achieve minimum energy consumption.
- ✓ VGT will take all reasonable steps to reduce dust emissions from its port operations.
- ✓ VGT will seek improvements in existing environmental approaches and performance by reviewing activities annually, ensuring conformity and evaluating their progress.

Waste Generation and Management

VGT will endeavour to minimise the production of waste and pollution; including unnecessary packaging on purchased products. VGT will implement measures to reduce the volume of waste generated and to increase the proportion of that waste which is recycled.

Practical Implementation:

- ✓ VGT will investigate the implementation of separate storage bins for organic waste.
- ✓ VGT will implement four separated recycling bins for glass, paper, plastic, and cans/tins.

Materials and Resources

VGT will avoid using materials which have an undesirable effect on the environment, and wherever possible, use locally manufactured recycled goods.

Practical Implementation:

- ✓ VGT will use contractors who also share a commitment to the environment and take into account lifetime costs of materials when repairing, altering or rebuilding premises.
- ✓ VGT will maximise use of electronic communication and information storage as an alternative to paper.

Natural Environment

VGT is committed to helping to protect and enhance natural habitats and wildlife, taking appropriate opportunities to enhance and be sensitive to landscaping issues. VGT will also seek to minimise their impact on local wildlife.

VGT will endeavour to be aware of local planning developments and take appropriate action where these are potentially damaging to the environment.

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