

Environmental Statement

Based on the strong belief that project development and construction can make a major contribution to a more sustainable world, BlackGOLD is committed to proactive environmental management at all levels from local to global. With this approach we can positively influence key stakeholders, especially customers, suppliers and the communities in which we work.

At BlackGOLD we maintain organisational structures, management systems, procedures and training plans that, as a minimum, ensure compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and standards.

Our Environmental Management System will be to ISO 14001. Since line management is responsible for our environmental performance, it is integrated into core business processes and plans.

In a spirit of continual improvement, we involve our workforce in the process of environmental management including sub-contractors, partners and other interested parties with the potential to contribute as part of our ambition to be leaders in our sectors of business.

Our ambition is to continually improve the environmental credentials of our projects, products and services by actively looking for ways to reduce negative environmental impacts during their entire life cycle so that over time our stakeholders know us not just as a company capable of building environmentally sound projects but also as an environmentally responsible project manager.

- ◆ Champion the efficient use of energy and reduce emissions of gasses associated with Climate Change. Where reduction is not possible, as a last resort we will offset our own direct emissions using reputable means. Where practicable we will favour renewable energy sources.
- ◆ Generate zero waste through reducing upfront demand, reusing materials whenever possible and recycling (or down-cycling) and where these options are not currently practicable, provide environmentally sound treatment or disposal
- ◆ Proactively select and use materials that are benign to people and the environment
- ◆ Mitigate the impact of our operations on flora, fauna and related ecosystems
- ◆ Reduce demand for, conserve and recycle water resources
- ◆ Reduce harmful emissions to the air from projects, road vehicles, mobile and stationary equipment and processes
- ◆ Minimize the negative impact of our operations on water, land and soil quality

Strategy

Competency – we need to build a greater level of competency in the line and environmental managers.

Energy & Climate – energy in particular is a central plank of the “Green Construction Initiative” (GCI)

Materials – a strategic approach to resources will reduce waste and thus cost. It will support the GCI.

Flora, fauna and ecosystems –By ensuring that we do not purchase or specify materials that have unacceptable impact on flora and fauna we reinforce our GCI credentials.

Priority Area	High Level Action	Strategic Objective
Competency	Training & Awareness	Employees who can impact our Environmental performance are trained and Sub-contractor companies are committed to BlackGOLD Environmental Policy
Energy & Climate	Mitigation	Reduce energy use and associated CO ₂ emissions – management activities and production
Energy & Climate	Adaptation	Energy efficiency and CO ₂ – efficient products and services – Green Construction Initiative
Materials	Resource Efficiency	Zero waste generation
Materials	Intelligent Selection	Specify and influence the selection of a prioritized list of materials, equipment and systems to avoid harm to human health or the environment

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