Gujarat Fluorochemicals Limited





RESPONSIBLE GROWTH – OUR COMMITMENT AND APPROACH 2019-20



Responsible Growth – Our Commitment and Approach

Long term sustainable growth requires top leadership commitment, a strong value system and ethical orientation as the DNA of a company's corporate culture and be implemented and visible across all its business activities.

For GFCL, sustainability is intrinsically embedded as a core organizational competency and in its competitive positioning as well as stakeholder engagement. Contributing to sustainable development has always been and has become even more important an element of our overall corporate strategy. We are and will continue to be increasingly focussed on sustainable and socially responsible corporate behaviour in everything we do. We have re-committed ourselves to take the path of Profitable, Sustainable and Socially Responsible Growth, keeping in mind the interests of all our stakeholders as our central objective. We aim to grow and achieve higher returns, and while doing so we will ensure an increased positive impact on the environment and society at large.

We measure the impact of our business operations through three key pillars of sustainability, namely People, Planet and Profit. We continuously endeavour to enhance our performance and optimize efficiency across the environmental, social and governance aspects. We encourage involvement from all stakeholders and ensure that our sustainable framework policies are well communicated, implemented, monitored and reviewed on regular basis.



Gujarat Fluorochemicals Limited Sustainability Policy

Gujarat Fluorochemicals Limited recognizes that sustainable development is an integral part of business and the value chain which includes customers, employees, shareholders, and society at large. The Company strives to achieve long term profitable growth keeping in mind the financial, ethical, social and environmental perspective by addressing sustainability issues that are relevant and meaningful for it as a Chemical Company and the geographies in which it operates.

The Company is committed to and shall strive continuously for sustainable profitable growth through -

1. Fair Labour Practices and Social accountability -

- a. Act as a responsible, fair and ethical employer;
- b. Ensure a safe and healthy work environment for the stakeholders, through a strong focus on occupational health and safety and a pronounced culture of continuous improvements;
- c. Generate awareness about sustainability among associates, customers, investors and society and work continuously towards that;
- d. Foster a climate of social responsibility and volunteering and take part in community engagement and upliftment.

2. Genuine Care for Environment and Natural Resources while manufacturing safe products -

- a. Continuously optimize energy & water to reduce carbon foot prints & wastage;
- b. Comply with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements;
- c. Practice procurement practices which ensure minimal environmental and societal impact;
- d. Innovate and improve product safety and reduce environmental impact of the processes
- e. Work towards green chemistry.

3. Fair, Transparent and Ethical Business Practices -

- a. Ensure transparency in dealing with all Stakeholders and the public though disclosure of the Sustainability matrices and provide them with all information regarding business performance and product integrity based on International Standards requirement
- b. Build robust business process to control and minimize risk to the practice of responsible and ethical business.
- c. Integrate sustainability in all its business processes for long term profitable growth

The Corporate Social Accountability, Regulatory and Sustainability (SARS) Corporate Steering Committee shall drive the implementation of all Sustainability Initiatives across all locations and shall set objectives and targets and build governance structure across location to achieve the same. The Company shall put in place procedures and governance mechanism in line with international standards and collaborate with all Stakeholders, Customers, Suppliers and Business Associates, Employees to build a sustainable value chain.

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Satish Kakade Chief Executive Officer

Date: 7th July, 2020

Prashant Ogale Chief Operating Officer

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Sustainable Value Creation



Vision







Responsible Growth Secure-Sustainable-Green

Increase shareholder value-Improve Responsibility Index-Reduce Climate Impact-Improve Resource Utilization-Better Customer Value Creation



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GFCL Sustainability Framework

Our renewed focus on sustainable growth is exemplified in us becoming a signatory of the UNGC. By joining the UNGC, we have taken a firm, important and public step to transform our business through principle – centric practices. This participation makes a bold statement about our values, and it benefits both to the society and our own long-term success. This sustainability report also serves as the CoP for the year 2019-20 and will be uploaded in the UNGC website.





This is our **Communication on Progress** in implementing the Ten Principles of the **United Nations Global Compact** and supporting broader UN goals.

We welcome feedback on its contents.



That we have put climate change at the centre of our operations is evident from our commitment to the SBTi. It will enable us to demonstrate leadership on climate action by publicly committing to science based GHG reduction targets. We are one of the few chemical sector companies in India who have committed to SBTi.

We have adopted the ISO 26000 (Social Responsibility) standards to design all our social responsibility systems and procedure and to implement targeted activities. By adopting this standard, we have demonstrated our committed to operate our business in a socially responsible manner. It signifies our respect to the society and environment, which we believe will be a critical success factory for our long-term sustainable growth.

At GFCL, sustainability extends much beyond our physical boundaries and encompasses our business partners as

well. We recognize that every decision of buying has a far-reaching impact on the environment, economy and society, ranging from the use of energy for our computers to the working condition of workers who have loaded our raw material at a supplier godown. What an organization purchases and who it purchases from can have far-reaching implications, not only on the supply chain and the end consumer, but on the wider community. The promotion of sustainable consumption patterns is one of the legitimate consumer needs set forth in the United Nations Guidelines for Consumer Protection and a key element in consumer protection policy. Realizing that true sustainability must be part of the strategy across the supply chain, we have adopted the ISO 20400 (Sustainable Procurement) standards, combining them with the company's overall sustainable strategy, risk management and more 'traditional' aspects of our procurement processes.

Our commitment to Safety, Health and Environment is clearly spelt out in our Integrated Management System Policy Statement.



GFCL Corporate Integrated Management System Policy

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We are also now a signatory to the Principles of Responsible Care and have adopted the Responsible Care Policy.

Responsible Care Policy



Our goal is to ensure that manufacturing, transportation, handling and use of our products are safe and do not pose risk to any of our stakeholders and the environment across the globe.

To achieve our goal, we shall

- 1. Endeavor to comply with all applicable national and international HSSE regulations and other requirements pertaining to HSSE as identified from time to time
- Continuously work to design and develop, manufacture, handle, store and distribute our products in a manner that minimizes the risk to human beings and environment while satisfying the stakeholders' needs along the value chain – from development to disposal.
- 3. Ensure safe transport, handling and storage of our products.
- 4. Value the health and safety of people above all else and build safe and heathy working conditions.
- Put in place proper security systems to protect all our employees, contractors, environment, property and company information.
- 6. Ensure all Environmental and Safety Emergencies are evaluated and addresses for their proper elimination/ mitigation/ management for no or minimal impact of Life and Environment.

The Corporate Social Accountability, Regulatory and Sustainability (SARS) Steering Committee shall drive the implementation of the Responsible Care Framework across all locations and shall set objectives and targets and build governance structure across location to achieve the same, conduct periodic reviews, publish achievements and demonstrate felt leadership. At the same time, every employee shall be held responsible for abiding by the Policies and Procedures implemented as per the Responsible Care Management System.

The Company shall engage with stakeholders to communicate the Responsible Care Performance and inspire them to adopt Responsible Care guiding principles.

Satish Kakade

Chief Executive Officer

Date - 31st March. 2020

Prashant Ogale Chief Operations Officer In line with our commitment to the principles of Responsible Care, our manufacturing sites are committed to ensure a safe and healthy workplace for, not only our workforce, but also that of our contractors and any third-party present on our premises.

The SA 8000 Standard is the world's leading social certification programme. It provides a holistic framework allowing organizations of all types, in any industry, and in any country to demonstrate their dedication to the fair treatment of workers. We are committed to uphold social accountability principles across our supply chain, including all our vendors, contractors and business partners. Our commitment to uphold the UN Declaration of Human Rights is exemplified in our Social Accountability policy. Furthermore, our Dahej and Ranjitnagar manufacturing plants are SA 8000 certified.

Transparency and trust are the building blocks of any organization's credibility. Nothing undermines effective institutions and equitable business more than bribery. We strongly believe in ethical business practices. We are committed to the Principles of the UNGC, confirm to adherence to ISO 26000 and intend to strictly adhere to ethical and socially accountable behaviour in all actions we take in all the areas of business. All employees are expected to adhere to the various polices on ethical behaviour which not only relates to financial ethics but also social ethics. This commitment to our employees, clients, suppliers, and other business partners guides everything we do. It is because of our unwavering commitment to ethics, transparency, fairness in all our business processes that today we are ISO 37001 (Anti Bribery and Anti- Corruption Management System) certified.

In today's digital world, information flow and information technology are an important market differentiator. Our business processes are heavily dependent on IT infrastructure and we continuously explore opportunities to seek benefits from our information technology platform and integrate it with all business processes. We put utmost importance to our systems integrity and information security systems. Our data management system is, thus, ISO 27001 certified.

Our commitment to responsible growth is seen in our management approach while addressing the material sustainability topics. We have absolute clarity on where across our value chain each material topic is relevant and can impact the ESG metrics of the Company. For effectively managing all our material topics, we have implemented the following:

- 1. Robust governance and review mechanism, starting at the Board Level and cascading down to the location level.
- 2. Documented policies and procedures relevant to all locations of the Company
- 3. Goals and targets to be achieved
- 4. Resource allocation
- 5. Responsibility matrix

Material Topic	Functional Responsibility		
Anti-corruption	Legal and Secretarial		
Climate Change	Operations and Projects		
Economic Performance	Sales and Marketing, Operations, Product Development		
Energy	Operations and Projects		
Environmental Compliance	Operations and Projects		
Local Communities	Human Resources		
Occupational Health & Safety	Environment, Health and Safety		
Process Safety & Emergency Preparedness	Environment, Health and Safety		
Product Safety & Stewardship	Product Development		
Water	Operations		

Objective criteria for measuring our performance in each of the material topic have been adopted and we regular review our performance, which is communicated to our stakeholders through variety of platforms:

- 1. Integrated Annual Report
- 2. Sustainability Report
- 3. Returns as per statutory requirements
- 4. Company disclosures through CDP and UNGC websites

Awarded Certifications

S.No.	Certification	Dahej	Ranjitnagar	Noida & Rest of India (ROI)
1	ISO9001:2015	\checkmark	\checkmark	-
2	ISO14001:2015	\checkmark	\checkmark	-
3	ISO45001:2018	\checkmark	\checkmark	-
4	SA8000:2014	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
5	ISO37001:2016	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
6	ISO27001:2013	\checkmark	\checkmark	×



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