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RECYCLING AT THE SHELL OFFICE IN DUBAI

We spoke to Marigie Gomez from Shell Real Estate and Midhun Kolakkat from Emrill about waste management systems in place at the Shell office, Convention Centre, Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC).

Since when has the Shell Office been segregating waste for recycling? What influenced this move towards installing segregating bins at the office?



Marigie: Last year in September, Shell Real Estate conducted a survey in the office to understand how we could further improve office facilities. One of the questions was about reducing the environmental footprint of the office and a lot of people mentioned reducing plastic use and recycling bins.

Midhun: Shell has been segregating waste since the last quarter of 2018. Our sustainability initiative drives us to liaise with DWTC for segregation bins to be provided here.

How effective has the move towards segregation been? What was the motive behind this initiative?

Midhun: Currently bins are only placed in 8th and 9th floor.

Marigie: We want Shell employees to be aware about these issues and treat the office space as they would treat their own home. People have adapted to the change but there is still a long way to go. We need to raise awareness on what goes into each bin.

How much waste does the Shell office in Dubai produce in a month? Does the collection agency provide any stats or data regarding this?

Midhun: Currently, we have the DWTC contractor DULSCO collecting the waste from our offices. They haven't provided us the report till now. But we do get shredding certificates from last year from Shredex. We shredded and recycled around 1 ton of paper last year.

In 2018, the Shell Office at Convention Tower, DTWC shredded and recycled close to 1 ton of paper. This is what that means in terms of Environmental savings :



17 Trees



1.7 Cubic meters of Oil



2.3 Cubic meters of landfill space



31.8 Cubic meters of water



4000 Kilowatts of Energy



27.2 Kgs of CO2 emissions

What are some other initiatives taken up by Shell Real Estate to contribute towards sustainability?

Midhun: We have eliminated the plastic cutleries usage in the office. We have also initiated the removal of all bins under the desk to reduce the use of plastic.



Waste segregation bins and paper shredders at the Shell Office, DWTC.