

Carbon Reduction Plan

Supplier name: Van Bael & Bellis (VBB)
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Commitment to achieving Net Zero

VBB is committed to achieving Net Zero emissions by 2050.

Baseline Emissions Footprint

Baseline emissions are a record of the greenhouse gases that have been produced in the past and were produced prior to the introduction of any strategies to reduce emissions.

Baseline emissions are the reference point against which emissions reduction can be measured.

We are reporting all sources of carbon emissions over which we have operational control and full authority to introduce and implement.

Baseline Year: 2019	
EMISSIONS	TOTAL (tCO ₂ e)
Scope 1	30.80
Scope 2	42.88 (location-based)
Scope 3	926.44 (full scope 3)
- Upstream transportation & distribution	0*
- Employee commuting	56.48
- Purchased goods & services	612.53
- Business travel	280.75
- Waste generated in operations	24.74
- Downstream transportation & distribution	N/A**
Total Emissions	1.000.11

Note: VBB is a law firm and certain of the mandatory Scope 3 categories required for CRP reporting to the UK Government have been assessed and are not relevant for our business.

* We did not record any spend in the Upstream transportation & distribution category in 2019.

**We have zero emissions for the Downstream transportation & distribution category as we do not sell products.

Current Emissions Reporting

Reporting Year: 2024	
EMISSIONS	TOTAL (tCO ₂ e)
Scope 1	10.64
Scope 2	32.76 (location-based)
Scope 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upstream transportation & distribution - Employee commuting - Purchased goods & services - Business travel - Waste generated in operations - Downstream transportation & distribution 	867.50 (full scope 3) 0* 36.07 569.65 250.79 10.98 N/A
Total Emissions	910.89

*We have a reporting gap in our data collection or emissions for the Upstream transportation & distribution category but understand that these are not likely to be material, given our activities as a law firm and our policy of using accredited 'green' suppliers located in close proximity to our offices. We are nevertheless seeking to improve on this in the next reporting year.

Emissions reduction targets

In order to continue our progress to achieving Net Zero, we have adopted the following carbon reduction targets:

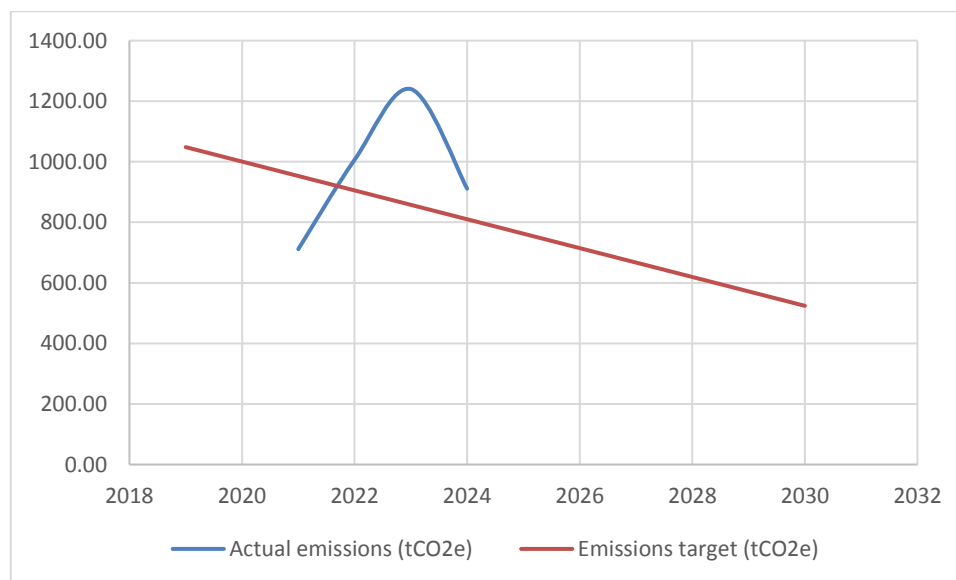
- Transition from traditional lighting to energy-efficient LED lights to reduce electricity consumption.
- Implementation of a structured recycling programme for printing toners and other office supplies to minimise waste.
- Offsetting carbon emissions from all business-related travel through verified compensation programmes (via our travel agency).
- Efforts to switch to renewable energy sources for office operations, dependent on building management approval.
- Adoption of recycled materials for office supplies and branded materials to lower environmental impact.
- Requesting proof of sustainability practices from suppliers to ensure responsible sourcing and procurement.

We project that carbon emissions will decrease over the next five years to 500.05 tCO₂e by 2030. This is a reduction of 50% compared to a 2019 base year.

We project that emissions will reduce to 681.88 tCO₂e by 2026. This is a reduction of 32% compared to 2019.

Progress against these targets can be seen in the graph below:

Carbon Reduction: Projected vs. Actual



Carbon Reduction Projects

Completed Carbon Reduction Initiatives

The following environmental management measures and projects have been completed or implemented since the 2019 baseline. The carbon emission reduction achieved by these schemes equate to 324 tCO₂e, a 32%ge reduction against the 2019 baseline and the measures will be in effect when performing the contract

In the future we hope to implement further measures such as:

- Select tier 1 suppliers with carbon reduction plans and/or adhering to SBTi.
- Reduce consumption of high-carbon products and services.
- Opt for economy class for long-distance business travel and further reduce travel.
- Promote EV/public transport and bike for commuting of employees.
- Source renewable electricity in all offices that we lease.

Declaration and Sign Off

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been completed in accordance with PPN 06/21 and associated guidance and reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans.

Emissions have been reported and recorded in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the GHG Reporting Protocol corporate standard¹ and use the appropriate Government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting².

Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions have been reported in accordance with SECR requirements, and the required subset of Scope 3 emissions have been reported in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Standard³.

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been reviewed and signed off by the board of directors (or equivalent management body).

Signed on behalf of the Supplier:

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¹ <https://ghgprotocol.org/corporate-standard>

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-conversion-factors-for-company-reporting>

³ <https://ghgprotocol.org/standards/scope-3-standard>