

Sector: Greenfield City

Lavasa Corporation Ltd : A decentralised method to Environmental Governance for a city - from strategy to checklists.

Lavasa is a planned city between Mumbai and Pune. The Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) served a “Stop Construction” order upon Lavasa Corp Ltd.(LCL) citing environmental violations, and set a series of pre-conditions for removing this Order. As part of the conditions set by the MoEF, LCL was asked to create its Corporate Environmental Responsibility (CER) Policy, including all provisions for implementation and monitoring to ensure Environmental Governance. Climate Miles was contracted by LCL for this project.

Client’s Challenge

Lavasa is a planned city being built over an area of 100 km². When completed, Lavasa is envisaged to reside 3,00,000 permanent residents and about 2 million tourists every year. It is planned to be a captive IT hub as well as a tourism and retirement haven. The Ministry of Environment and Forests had served an order to stop construction and to take corrective measures to put in place an effective environmental governance model. The challenge was that governance models are highly contextual to a region/ country. With no precedence, time running out and large investments sitting idle, LCL had to respond creatively and effectively.

Climate Miles Solution

A - Development and and implementation of Corporate Social Responsibility (CER) Policy is at a very nascent stage in India. There were no precedents of such documents being accepted by MoEF, nor were there established framework for the creation of such a document. Climate Miles started by doing extensive review and research to develop an overarching framework for CER Policy.

B - CM also studied governance structures being adopted in progressive, emerging cities/ urban planning projects across the world such as Masdar and Songdo.
C - CM conducted an in-depth study of LCLs existing organisational structure, policies and systems

Client Statement



“Extraordinary patience, speed and innovation was required from us to get our clearances and CM came through on all the above. Their pain-point sensitive approach got us through tough deadlines consistently. Always enthusiastic and timely.”

Krunal Negandhi , Asst Vice President
Lavasa Corp. Ltd.

through review of existing documents, interviews with key stakeholders individually, and in small-group workshops.

D - The CER Policy and the Environmental Governance system proposed within it, was a customised solution that brought together the knowledge gleaned through the above three steps.

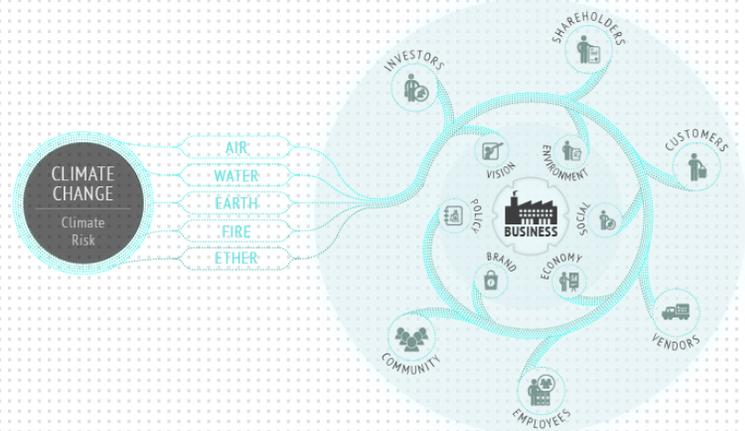
E - CM also designed an implementation strategy to enforce the governance model. Thus, the solution was designed not only at a strategy level, but right down to implementation details such as role definitions, review

Climate Miles Pvt. Ltd

5/4 -1, Corner of Milton Street &
Wheeler Road Extension,
Cooke Town,
Bangalore - 560005.

Phone +919535058899

mo.polamar@climatemiles.com
www.climatemiles.com



and monitoring systems and communication plans.

F - Environmental Legal Registry - The various areas within environmental law that exert on Lavasa were studied and an Environmental legal registry was created in consultation with environmental lawyers.

Client's Benefits

LCL was subsequently granted permission to resume construction and its sustainability practices were strengthened.

Client's Approach to Sustainability

LCL is committed to building a world class city in all aspects of urban planning and development. It is working closely with the MoEF and other consulting bodies such as CM to ensure that environmental governance systems designed and implemented.

Solution Summary

Industry: Greenfield City

Scope: Corporate Environmental Responsibility (CER) Policy, communication strategy, departmental/ inter-departmental process flows, environmental governance structure (including SOP's, role definitions, checklists and review, monitoring and feedback systems for the same) and environmental legal registry.

Number of sites included : A 100 km² greenfield city by the lake between Mumbai and Pune.

Services and Solution: Policy, SOPs, checklists and legal compliance registry.

Benefits : construction resumed , approvals from key authorities, environmental governance structure.

Future course: To extend the environment divisions' contract to other branded establishments with the city (eg: hotel & hospital chains) and creating custom software for better governance.

