

# Committed to reducing carbon footprints

**Sameer Khatri, MD (India) & Regional Director (Indian Sub-Continent) of DSV-Global Transport & Logistics says their company has set 'science based targets' to reduce their carbon footprint.**

## **Climate change has impacted the entire world. How does DSV-Global intend to contribute towards reducing your carbon footprint?**

Climate change is a threat to our planet and with pollution levels rising we all need to do our bit to reduce pollution levels. As one of the largest players in the global freight transport sector, we are committed to contribute meaningfully towards reducing our carbon footprint. We at DSV have set up 'science based targets' to reduce our carbon footprint by reducing absolute scope 1 & amp 2 emissions by 40 per cent by 2030, against a 2019 baseline. We also intend to reduce absolute scope 3 by 30 per cent during the same period.

Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets are considered 'science-based' if they can limit global warming to below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursue efforts to limit warming to 1.5°C. This is also in line with goals set by the Paris Agreement.

We at DSV are evaluating the science based 'net-zero' commitment based on 'science based targets' that are soon to be released.

## **How will you achieve the target in the next three years. Have you taken part in carbon offset programmes to reduce emissions and sustainability?**

We at DSV have an active and ambitious program in place to meet our targets. We work along with our customers and suppliers to contribute in decarbonising the transport we use for our customers. In our sustainability efforts we are at present developing green transport and

logistics solutions. To improve our range of sustainable offerings, we are currently developing a set of green transport and logistics solutions, supported by several different aspects of our services. This is divided into three parts:

The first is report, wherein accurate CO2 emission report would be provided through our CO2 reporting tool called EcoTranslt.

The second is reduce. We will implement the right mix of technologies and services to reduce CO2 emissions which would include alternate fuels, carbon offsetting, supply chain optimisation projects that explore possibilities of mode shift, optimal loading factors, routing, carrier selection and innovation.

The third is collaborate. We will explore collaboration projects with carriers on new technology and fuel providers and focus on alternate fuels. We will help our customers find the right mix of fuels which would include second-generation bio-fuels, LNG and hydrogen.

Our GHG efforts would improve our internal energy efficiency through initiatives we have introduced like opting for LED lighting and using renewable energy.

## **How has DSV changed the processes within the company to improve sustainability.**

As I have mentioned above, our company works closely with our suppliers and customers to implement smarter solutions and to choose greener options when economically feasible. Customers are offered services to optimise their supply chains in terms of cost and sustainability, including consolidating



freight and optimising choices of transport modes, routes and packaging. In our offices we have reduced the use of paper. We have planted trees within the office premises in line with our green initiative.

We don't use plastic products and prefer to reduce, recycle and reuse products. We prefer online meetings and also encourage our colleagues to follow a car pool system to save fuel. We also focus on reducing the usage of electricity and water. Our office in Gurugram is a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Platinum certified building.

## **How will the 'science based targets' initiative impact the environment?**

The Science Based Targets initiative is a joint initiative by the Carbon Disclosure Project, the UN Global Compact, the World Resources Institute and World Wildlife Federation. It has introduced a new a new approach to corporate GCG emissions reduction target-setting.

These reductions will play

an important role in limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees, the threshold under which many dangerous outcomes of planetary warming could be avoided.

## **How are your helping your customers to move towards sustainability?**

We optimise our customers supply chain by increasing efficiency with focus on minimising the impact on the environment. DSV has implemented a 'best in class' industry tool called EcoTransIT to measure and report on the emissions related to all our customers. Detailed reports support identification of possible CO2 emission reduction initiatives. We also work on a host of CO2 reduction and optimization initiatives for our customers. These include modal shift, freight consolidation, optimized routing, optimal load factors. Apart from this, we also offer sustainable fuel solutions to our customers to help them reduce the environmental impact of their freight transportation. ♦