SAFETYRESPECT SUSTAINABILITY WORK



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SAFETYRESPECT VALUE CHAIN

At SafetyRespect, we own and control our entire value chain from research and development to production and end use. This overview of the value chain processes and supporting functions, gives a better understanding of the following pages' summary of our material impacts, risks and opportunities. Our aim with this is to make everyone feel included and informed of the strategic direction of SafetyRespect. Our purpose is to save lives, while making a positive impact on the environment and society, and to live up to that we need everyone onboard.



MATERIAL IMPACTS

Brief overview of the main material impacts, risks and opportunities identified through the Double Materiality Assessment and where in the value chain these belong. The different colours attached to each function highlights if it is an environmental, social or governance impact, risk or opportunity and the text explains in more detail what type. Negative impacts and risks are both represented with the minus symbol.



KEY FINDINGS





Largest impact from raw material

The majority of material topics are related to the extraction and processing of steel and aluminium. These are energy and water intensive and impact ecosystems where the mining occurs. Supply chain transparency and increased number of ISO-certified suppliers could lead to a large reduction of this negative impact and of Scope 3 emissions.

New materials

Green steel, nano technology and other new

to investigate future risks and obtain a more complete picture before introducing such options.

matter

The company's code of conduct, due diligence

communities. Increased focus on transparency

social or governance issues such as corruption.

reduces the risk of unknown environmental,

work and demand for ISO certification are

positive for the value chain and affected

materials and processes provide great opportunities

to reduce emissions, pollution and waste. However,

Due diligence

as costs and risks are not always known, it is vital

opportunity and risk



Positive impacts through R&D

R&D at factory level has played a major role in the company's sustainability work due to focus on environmentally friendly materials and processes. It has resulted in reduced need for embankment of chemicals and minimised health and safety risks.





Already circular

The rental business and circular flow of crates for distributing fall protection indicates great circularity in the flow of products and material which would be strategically beneficial to grow even more.





Work safety is improved, and lives are saved with the high-quality education and training that is provided with the products. Participation in safety committees raises awareness for safety issues and brings opportunities to increase presence in developing countries with lower safety standards.





Water and energy risks

Major financial risks are associated with water scarcity and energy as it impacts availability and cost of raw material and will impact transport cost and available freight routes.





FOCUS AREAS



Development at design stage

Moving product development to the design stage would lead to products better designed for cheaper transport, extreme weather, heat, repair, rental, reuse and recycle.



Transport choice urgent delivery

Letting the customer choose transport mode for urgent deliveries and be held accountable for GHG-emissions would likely decrease the number of airfreight deliveries, its associated costs and emissions.



Unique selling points

Extreme weather adapted products , high environmental standards on all material and processes and increased supply chain transparency could gain SafetyRespect "local supplier" status with customer."



At production sites, hubs, and offices where it is an option renewable energy will reduce the risk of electricity price hikes.



Map out chemicals

The usage of chemicals and harmful substances in the processing of metal products needs to be mapped out to give the company better insight. These processes also have many indirect impacts on air, water, and soil.



Investigate alternatives to plastic packaging to avoid microplastics downstream. Small volumes but a global health concern worldwide and very difficult to manage.



Sustainability leadership

Expand the rental business, become more resilient to water pressures and mitigate water stress. Perform a biodiversity inventory at production sites to increase knowledge of the sites natural heritage and improve land management.



Close the loop

Establishing a buy-back scheme for sold products would help close the loop on material flows and create another potential income stream.



Insights that secure the future of SafetyRespect

Our purpose is to save lives. To continue to do that in a sustainable way we need everyone onboard.

By visualising where in the value chain the material impacts, risks and opportunities belong, we aim to make everyone feel included and informed of the new strategic direction of SafetyRespect.

Our purpose is to save lives, and to fully embrace that we need better insight and understanding in how our business impacts other lives and lifeforms, as well as life supporting functions such as soil, water and air. These insights highlight what risks and opportunities may arise for our company, and by sharing this in an educational manner we know that we will be better prepared for what the future has in store for us.

For more detailed information, please send a request to see our Double Materiality Assessment Report.

