

Sri Lanka

National Working Group on Chemical Leasing

Introduction

Chemical Leasing is a tested approach for reducing resource wastage and negative environmental impacts caused by chemicals. Chemical Leasing is gaining popularity slowly but steadily among selected industry sectors. Acceptance of Chemical Leasing as an effective strategy needs promotion of the concept among different stakeholder groups, consolidation of its potential through application of the concept in more industry sectors, further research on process optimization, development of new models for the application of Chemical Leasing and active networking among the different partners/stakeholders.

Further successful application of Chemical Leasing needs changes in policy framework and economic instruments for users as well as suppliers. This requires the active involvement of relevant ministries, institutions and departments and their working together. The service providers and consultants need to build capacity as experts in Chemical Leasing and to provide guidance to potential beneficiaries of Chemical Leasing in the proper approach.

Therefore time is opportune to establish a **National Working Group on Chemical Leasing** to bring all stakeholders together to further the cause of Chemical Leasing.

Objectives

To bring all stakeholders of Chemical Leasing in Sri Lanka to a common platform and encourage networking locally and internationally.

Stakeholders

National Cleaner Production Centre (Convener)
Ministry of Environment/Central Environmental Authority
Ministry of Industrial Development
Ministry of Agriculture
Universities
Research organization
Laboratories
Institute of Chemistry
Institute of Engineers Sri Lanka
Chambers of Industries and Commerce

Pilot project partners
Manufacturers and Suppliers of chemicals
Chemical Supplier Associations
Consultants and service providers
And any others with interest in Chemical Leasing

Targeted Activities

- Promotion of the Chemical Leasing concept
- Identification of potential beneficiary industries / sectors
- Identification of barriers and constraints and development of proper solutions
- Lobbying for policy development and economic instruments to promote Chemical Leasing
- Development of a consultant network for Chemical Leasing including expertise on technology, procurement and service suppliers
- Promotion of R& D in association fields in Chemical Leasing