

Oiltanking Malta Ltd.



Safety Information and Emergency Instructions to the Public as per LN 179/2015

Dear Community Resident,

This informative brochure is provided by Oiltanking Malta in line with the National regulations for the Control Of Major Accidents And Hazards (COMAH) (Occupational Health and Safety Authority Act: COMAH Regulations LN179/2015).

Oiltanking Malta is committed to the safe and efficient operation of its facilities. Our goal is to prevent all accidents, injuries and occupational illness, and to protect the environment. To achieve this goal, we adopt the highest standards of equipment integrity and reliability, as well as rigorous safety and operational procedures.

In its 28+ years of service, Oiltanking Malta has earned an excellent track record for safe operations. We take every reasonable precaution to ensure the health and safety of our employees, contractors who visit the terminal, and any neighbors to our facility.

The handling and storage of petroleum products is our core business and an everyday activity for us. Our employees are specifically trained according to the nature of our business. In the unlikely event of a major incident occurring at Oiltanking Malta, and with potential consequences to the neighboring community in view, we would like to advise you of the appropriate actions you should take to protect yourself. We have also enclosed an Emergency Instructions card for this purpose.

This brochure contains important information for your safety in case of an unlikely major incident on our facility.

1 Introducing the Company

Oiltanking Malta Ltd. was incorporated in 1989 and is 55 percent owned by Oiltanking GmbH of Hamburg, Germany, and 45 percent by Oystercatcher SARL of Luxembourg. The terminal, which is located in the outer Marsaxlokk Harbor, currently operates 25 tanks with a total storage capacity of 568,399 cbm and 4 ship-berthing jetties.

Oiltanking, a subsidiary of Marquard & Bahls AG, Germany, is one of the largest independent operators of tank terminals for oils, chemicals and gases worldwide. The company owns and operates 73 terminals in 24 countries with a total storage capacity of 20 million cbm, on five continents – in Europe, North America, Latin America, the Middle East, Africa, India, and the Asia-Pacific region (last updated: March 2019).

2 Operations at Oiltanking Malta

Oiltanking Malta stores and handles petroleum products. Ships berthed at any of our four jetties conduct loading and / or discharging operations from / to any of the tanks on the terminal. Products may also be transferred from one tank to another. The transfer of products is facilitated by the use of specially designed pumps.

Oiltanking Malta's terminal is built to the highest national and international engineering standards. Continuous safety reviews ensure ever-increasing levels of safety standards. Oiltanking Malta is subject to the COMAH Regulations, and as stipulated by these regulations, a Safety Report has been submitted to and approved by the competent authority.

You may be familiar with some types of petroleum products in your everyday life – from activities such as cooking, or refuelling your vehicle or boat – so you also know that these products carry a certain level of risk if they are not handled correctly.

Oiltanking Malta is licensed to handle the following petroleum products: LPG, Gasoline, MTBE (a gasoline component), Jet A-1, Gas Oil, Fuel Oil, Feedstock and Crude Oil. All petroleum products are flammable to various degrees. In the unlikely event of a major incident, effects such as heat from fires, pressure waves from explosions, and/or smoke may represent a hazard to the community. There is also the remote possibility of a spill at sea. However, Oiltanking Malta is equipped and prepared to contain and control such eventualities.

3 Response to Emergencies

Oiltanking Malta's employees have been trained to deal with whatever emergencies may arise. At any given time (24 hrs a day, 365 days a year) an in-house team of trained firefighting personnel can quickly respond to any emergency. A quick first response to emergencies significantly reduces the possibility of any escalation, and keeps it localized to the terminal grounds.

Oiltanking Malta can rely on an extensive dedicated firefighting infrastructure designed to national and international standards, as well as numerous measures to counter the eventuality of a spill, both on land and at any of the four Jetties. Regular exercises and drills are held to assess the performance of our hardware, methodology and personnel.

For the unlikely event of a major emergency where consequences are expected to extend beyond the boundary of the Terminal, Oiltanking Malta and the Civil Protection Department have set up a program of mutual assistance. An integral part of this program is the establishment of an External Emergency Plan, with the primary goal of ensuring the safety of the neighboring community. Should a major accident occur, this External Emergency Plan will be put into effect by the Civil Protection Department. You are kindly requested to co-operate fully with any instructions and/or requests issued by the Civil Protection Department.

Attached to this document you will find the guidelines issued by the competent authority on how the population is to be warned and kept informed. You will also find guidelines on what actions to take in the eventuality of a major accident. It is suggested that you keep these guidelines in an easily accessible location in your household.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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