



Licence to operate

The Challenge

A licence to operate is essential – your company will be out of business without one.

Regulations are constantly being drafted and amended as government policies change, and are growing in both number and complexity. At the same time investment and transaction pressures are increasing on what and where to invest, and on ensuring compliance to laws, regulations and corporate, lender and investor social responsibility and to corporate standards.

Noncompliance with health, safety and environmental standards can also be used by media and interest groups to raise negative publicity. This can delay or even prevent companies from deploying their (new) initiatives.

These regulatory, social and financial requirements mean that gaining and maintaining a licence to operate is a complex process, and can be costly if not managed properly. As a non-core business operation it can be a challenge for most companies to collect, develop and maintain specific knowledge on the relevant topics. This is where expert assistance can help.

Our Solution

Companies need a multidisciplinary team of technical experts in environment, safety, chemistry, process and law to gain and maintain the licences they require, as well as skills in project and stakeholder management and in communication.

Royal HaskoningDHV can deliver multidisciplinary expertise to help you at every stage of this complex process.

Our services include:

- Preliminary design and ensuring the design conforms with applicable rules and regulations (compliance based engineering)
- Executing feasibility studies containing risks, opportunities and alternatives based on policy, regulations, surroundings, stakeholders and best practices. These studies can be used also in lender projects
- Impact assessments during early phases of projects, including Environmental Impact Assessments, Health Impact Assessments and Social Impact Assessments
- Acquiring the necessary permits (in environment, nature, water and construction): drafting permit applications and required studies for acquiring the permits. It is important to acquire flexible permits which will allow you to expand or optimise your production



- Advice on all relevant topics for your licence to operate: nature and ecology, noise reduction, soil investigation, air quality, safety and building regulations, etc
- Assistance with (external) safety including risk assessment and analysis, safety reports and health and safety documents. We have extensive knowledge of HAZID, HAZOP, Bow ties, LOPA among others and regulations such as ATEX and PGS. We can also execute fire safety studies or provide terms of conditions for fire safety installations
- Compliance management through HSE audits, HSE management and management systems

Overall process

Royal HaskoningDHV also has extensive experience in all aspects of every permitting process, whether on a small or large scale, and can provide:

- Permitting management and planning: we have developed several tools to ensure all necessary permits are included in the project scope and that actions for acquiring permits are covered in your project planning
- Legal advisors to help examine the demands made by the authorities on validity and applicability. We are experienced in dealing with authorities at every level, from informal contacts to strictly professional deliberations. We can also provide legal assistance at trials if required
- Stakeholder management as well as public relations and communications (leaflets, information sessions)
- Project managers who know your business, are familiar with the authorities you deal with and ensure you stay on track with planning and budgets

The Outcome

Royal HaskoningDHV is a leading independent, international project management and engineering consultancy service provider. Each year we contribute to the delivery of some 30,000 projects around the world on behalf of our public and private sector clients, providing a wide range of multidisciplinary services for aviation, buildings, industry, energy and mining, maritime, infrastructure, planning and transport, and water.

Our experienced and multidisciplinary professionals are fully up to date with all the latest regulations and can help you at any and every stage of your permitting process. We ensure that your new licence to operate leaves room for you to expand your business and services, without constant changes and additions to the licence granted. Our goal is to enable you to gain all necessary new permits on time, with feasible requirements, and help you achieve your ambitions.

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