



State Company for Leather Industries

The State Company for Leather Industries (SCLI) is an Iraqi government-owned enterprise that produces leather goods. Its vision is to be the leading sustainable manufacturer of quality leather products in Iraq, led by the driving principle that “our customers run the company through what they want and expect”.

SCLI aims to revive the national leather industry and establish agreements with international partners to develop and supply essential goods in Arab markets and around the world.



Name: State Company for Leather Industries (SCLI)

Country: Iraq

Industry: Government/manufacturing

Number of employees: 3600

What are the benefits of ISO 26000 for SCLI?

Key benefits to date include:

- Improved health and safety in the workplace
- Increased focus on employee rights, health and safety, and serving the community
- Reduced consumption of water and other resources
- Improved relationships with stakeholders

How did ISO 26000 lead to these benefits?

SCLI oriented its mission, vision, strategy and work plan towards the ISO 26000 recommendations. It conducted a full stakeholder analysis and developed an engagement plan consisting of face-to-face meetings, newsletters, exhibitions, social media and more.

The organization made a number of improvements to production processes such as renovating all three sites and increasing processing capacity with new direct injection machines. It also put in place changes to production and gave suppliers directives to help them achieve their goal of having 100% of their products made from quality rawhide. In addition, it expanded its portfolio of products to include safety boots and personal protection equipment.

Moreover, measures were implemented to reduce water use, which included renovating the water treatment system in the Zafarania province and installing a new one in the Kufa and Mosul provinces. A full review of safety procedures, signs and personal protection equipment was also carried out and a target was set to halve time lost due to accidents by 2016.

SCLI now has plans to implement ISO 14001 for environmental management and ISO 9001 for quality management.

“Through implementing ISO 26000, we have developed our vision and mission at SCLI to reflect our commitment towards the achievement of sustainable development in our country.”

