

BİM 2022 SUSTAINABILITY REPORT IS PUBLISHED

BİM published its' 2022 Sustainability Report. The report is about BİM's activities and targets for sustainability. BİM, which has been covering the electricity needs of its 10 warehouses with Solar Power Plants (SPP) and has a capacity of 15 MWh by the end of 2022 is aiming to produce 25% of its total electricity consumption from SPP projects by 2025. BİM also continues its efforts to decrease the greenhouse gas density that is the outcome of its operations by 20% until 2026.

04 August 2023, İstanbul. BİM, the leading food retailer in Turkey, shared its 2022 Sustainability Report with the public. BİM aims to reach its realistic sustainability targets with a vision of livable environment and sustainable future and shares their activities and the results they received with striking data. The report, which has been prepared in accordance with the GRI Standards that was published by Global Reporting Initiative, discusses every aspect of sustainability and contains the investments BİM has made for a sustainable future and the targets they determined. BİM, which moves forward with a principle of transparency, shared the management's approach, strategy and risk management clearly about risks and opportunities that are connected to climate crisis.

“Our sustainability activities and investments will continue with the same intensity”

BİM Executive Committee Member Haluk Dortluoğlu made a statement regarding the reports publication:

“As BİM, the first representative of hard discount model in Türkiye, we are fighting against the inflation with our lean business model and 'everyday low price' policy and we are supporting the cost-conscious lifestyle of the households. This approach is situated at the basis of our BİM Sustainability Approach and we always prioritize our customers' interest over short-term high profits. Our practices and investments, which consider the sustainability of our business model in a wide range from making quality products accessible to our customers to reducing our environmental impact, will continue with the same intensity. We are pleased to present this comprehensive report we have prepared regarding our work in 2022 to the information of all our stakeholders.”

Sustainable Products

According to BİM, “Responsible/Sustainable Products” consists of products that are produced with innovative approaches taking quality and economic criteria as well as social and environmental factors into consideration. BİM continues its efforts to increase the variety in sustainable product category within the scope of the sustainable product definition that BİM determined. While the ratio of BİM's sustainable product turnover to total turnover was 8.6% in 2022, this ratio is targeted to reach 10% by 2026.

Energy efficiency projects in stores and warehouses

BİM is implementing intense efforts to reduce its environmental impact due to store and warehouse operations to a minimum. BİM has focused on the issues of energy efficiency and renewable energy within this respect. Thus, it aims to prevent the use of fossil fuels and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The solar power plants project launched in 2021, which was an exemplar for the sector continued in 2022 and the installation of SPPs on seven additional warehouse roofs has been completed. Electricity is produced in 10 warehouses of BİM through SPPs. Thanks to 12,220 MWh of electrical energy

produced in 2022, 5.3 thousand tons of CO2 was saved. While the total installed power of 10 SPP projects reached 15 MW in 2022, it is aimed to reach a total installed power of 40 MW in 2023 with ongoing projects. In 2022, electricity obtained from SPP projects reached 2.2% of BİM's total electricity consumption. By 2025, this rate is targeted to be 25%.

Additionally BİM started renovating its stores with improvements focusing on energy saving and heat isolation beginning from 2020. Stone wool and high windows has been used to ensure internal heat isolation in the renovated stores. In order to reduce energy consumption, energy saving LED lighting models were introduced. The number of newly designed stores reached 3,626 as of 2022. BİM aims to redesign all of its stores by 2030.

Ambitious target in greenhouse gas!

BİM, in addition to its efforts for energy efficiency, plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in a comprehensive way with its investments in electricity generation from renewable energy and the measures it takes in transportation. Within this respect, BİM aims to reduce its greenhouse gas density by 20% in 2026 when compared to 2019.

Approximately 15 million TL savings in packaging and waste management!

BİM reduces, recycles and reuses its wastes in both food and packaging areas with the projects it carries out in all of its stores and warehouses, with a circular economy perspective. In 2022, 439 tons of plastic and 351 tons of paper consumption was prevented as a result of the studies carried out to increase resource efficiency in packaging and to popularize sustainable raw material alternatives. Thanks to the aforementioned studies there has been 15 million TL financial savings. BİM, with the developments it will make, aims to reduce paper waste by 820 tons/year, plastic waste by 750 tons/year and to use 480 tons/year of recycled plastic in its packaging in 2025.

Two important certificates for two warehouses!

The work that started in 2021 at the Iskenderun regional warehouse to obtain the ISO 14001 Environmental Management System standard was completed in 2022 and the certificate was received.

BİM Piraziz Regional Warehouse deserved to receive ISO45001 Occupational Health and Safety Management System Certificate.