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COMPANY PROFILE



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BRIEF HISTORY

VGL Dimensions was established in 2019 by a team of experts led by a well-seasoned Health Inspector with credible acumen, Mr Elphus Mkhwebane, who has over the years been involved in academia and food Industry for over 18 years, the team's drive is to make a difference with a fresh approach in servicing the food industry. VGL Dimensions is equipped with the most modern knowledge and expertise that are easily pliable to the fourth industrial revolution (4IR) ideas and approach in order to protect public health.

VGL Dimensions provides a unique service in its field of specialisation, supported by excellent and diligent quality management systems and executed by well experienced staff to ensure optimum objectivity. VGL Dimensions prides itself of its vast versatility of services in the food and related industries.



VISION

Most see a world void of tolerance, everyday life is influenced by inappropriate business practices, ethnic tensions are rife, world class health care is reserved for the wealthy; unemployment has become a bigger pandemic than Covid and famine is ever increasing while food security is ever decreasing.

We do not see this world. We see a world where inspired people create opportunities, a world where every other human can thrive, be healthy, secure a future for their children, respect and appreciate our diversity.

We see a sustainable, safe, healthy and accessible food supply to all. We see a thriving South Africa, a country eager to move forward and share the success with the rest of the world.

HOW VGL DIMENSIONS MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

WE SAVE LIVES:

We believe that a human life is of unmeasurable value, and the nutrition consumed can be the difference between life or death.

Combining our passion and expertise in various food safety, quality and laboratory initiatives, we bridge the gap between merely being compliant and truly saving lives.

We are committed to raise the standard of food safety and quality.

WE CHANGE LIVES:

Our success is measured by the way we touch the lives of our employees, our customers, and our business partners.

Our business endeavors to heal, give hope and enable humans to achieve more than they ever thought could be possible.

WE CREATE A BETTER FUTURE:

We ensure opportunities for more people to become contributing members of society, filled with optimism and hope for the future for all, old and young alike.

We look our children in the eyes with pride, knowing that our legacy will persist, our values will endure, and the process of realising our vision touched many lives.

WE FIGHT INEQUALITY:

We believe that all humans are created equal.

Regardless of race, gender, sex, marital status, ethnic or social origin, colour, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, conscience, belief, culture and language, we are part of the human family and we work together as a team to achieve a common goal.

We serve our employees, our customers and our business partners by holding hands as a family.



OUR SERVICES

VGL Dimensions possess a National and International footprint of service and is equipped with the most modern knowledge and expertise that are easily pliable to the fourth industrial revolution (4IR) ideas and approaches.

01. **ACCREDITED SAMPLING LABORATORY**

VGL Dimensions accredited sampling laboratory is the first of its kind in the services of sampling. Various sampling methods are internationally accredited by ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) for ISO/IEC 17025:2017.

The VGL Dimensions sampling laboratory was established to provide an impartial, reliable service to get the best out of the sample taken, also to benefit our customers compliance to various requirements and ensure public safety as a result of independently taken samples.



Accredited sampling services includes:

TECHNOLOGY, SPECIFICATION, STANDARD, METHOD OR TECHNIQUE

ITEM SAMPLED

QM No. 7.2/SM-01

Sampling of Food and Feed
(based on ISO 17728)

Poultry and Poultry Products, Meat and Meat Products, Fish and Fish Products, Spices and Herbs, Vegetables and Fruits, Eggs, Nuts, Ready-To-Eat Meals, Animal Feed Stuffs.

QM No. 7.2/SM-02

Sampling of Water
(based on ISO 5667 and ISO 19458)

Potable, Treatment Works and Storage Tanks, Main Distribution, Consumer Taps, Bottled, Borehole and Wastewater.

QM No. 7.2/SM-03

Sampling of Surfaces
(based on ISO 18593)

Surface Swabs, Hand Swabs, Equipment Swabs, Contact Paddles, Rodac Plates.

QM No. 7.2/SM-04

Sampling of Carcasses
(based on ISO 17604)

Carcass Excision, Carcass Swabs, Carcass rinsing.

QM No. 7.2/SM-05

Sampling of Milk and Milk Products
(based on ISO 707)

Raw and heat-treated milk, whole, partly skimmed and skimmed milk, flavored milk, cream, fermented milk, buttermilk, liquid whey and similar products. Evaporated milk, sweetened condensed milk and milk concentrate. Semi-solid and solid milk products. Edible ices, semi-processed ices and other frozen milk products. Dried milk and dried milk products. Butter and related products. Cheese.



VGL Dimensions execute facilities customised and tailor-made sampling plans to warrant the reliable, accurate and consistent sampling methods that will yield credible and harmony test results. VGL Dimensions intervention in the independent and objective sampling will provides a peace of mind to the clients.



02. INSPECTION SERVICES

Our clientele varies from food facilities such as cutting plants, fast food outlets, bulk cold storage and warehouses, retail chain outlets, meat and meat products plants, fishing vessels, milk and milk products parlours, various natural and artificial water processors.

Food facility inspections

- Routine inspections of food and meat facilities
- Research and Development
- Legal compliance inspection
- Food processing inspection
- Facilitation and coordination of product recall
- Butchery compliance inspections

Other Independent Inspections

- Independent inspections of the disposal of condemned food material,
- Supervision of food destruction facilities such incinerators, landfill etc.
- Inspection of food incinerator facilities
- Escort and secure safe disposal of inedible products of animal origin





Warehouse and bulk cold stores inspections

VGL Dimensions has an excellent inspection program with staff in various fields of qualifications on food warehousing and cold storage of imported food commodities. Live and tracking of sampling programmes with minimal human error.

- Food warehouse legal compliance inspections
- Routine independent food safety inspections
- Independent verification functions
- Assist client with ZA audit for exporting warehouse compliance programs,
- Cold Stores ZA audit preparation for government approval,
- Onsite qualified health inspector placement in food and meat warehouses
- Import/Exported products food inspections
- Quality standards sampling solutions

03. CONSULTING SERVICES

Legal compliance programs of food industry to comply with the inspection criteria of quality regulations relating to:

01

Classification, packing and marking of processed meats intended for sale in South Africa (Regulation R.1283)

02

Raw Processed Meat Products Regulations

03

Control over the sale of poultry meat, compliance to mandatory brine injection criteria

04

Grading, packing and marking of eggs intended for sale in the republic of South Africa

05

To liaise with the relevant assignees for specific mandated for specific food products

06

Accompany assignees on behalf of the client during inspections

07

Integrated system for quality and meat safety programs for food facilities and abattoirs





04. ACADEMIA ADVISORY EXPERTISE

Internship programs

VGL Dimensions has positioned itself as a preferred advisory service provider to academic institutions in terms of their work integrated learning in the food and meat related environment.

With the credibility, experience and direct contact with food industry, VGL Dimensions is able to assist academia with the numerous mandatory student internship programs.

- Compilation of work integrated learning programs
- Placement and supervision of internship students at different food industries
- Practical training arrangement and implementation

Subject and industry matter experts

VGL Dimensions possess vast knowledge in the food and meat industry field and accompanied long experience in this field. Therefore, it is not a surprise that VGL Dimensions are able and capable of providing the below service to academic institutions:

- Part-time lecturing
- External moderation of academic related subjects
- Second examiners of subject experts
- Short course presentation for specific subjects
- Technical committee participation on unit standard establishment and design





05. TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

VGL Dimensions applies the best practices for training methods, and outcomes of which are measurable. Our training courses are credible, registered and effective. Due to our accredited status with various SETA's, the training is recognised by relevant authorities.

We provide inhouse and public skills (for public courses, certain conditions may apply) training through our platform. The following critical training programs are available:

- Understanding Independent Meat Inspection Scheme Training (Meat Safety Act)
- Processed Meats Regulations Training (R.1283)
- Poultry Quality Standards and Labelling regulations Training (Including brine injection)
- OHS Act Legal Liability for supervisors and managers
- Health and Safety Training (SHE Rep)
- Incident Investigation Training





06. **OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY SERVICES**

VGL Dimensions provides well-constructed and suited health and safety solutions for all types of work and working environments.

- Construction health and safety agent function
- Health and safety for retail environment
- Compilation of safe work procedures
- OHS Act Compliance programs
- Routine health and safety inspections

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