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## **Modern Slavery Statement**

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This statement commits our company to complying with section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 ("the Act") and reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that all of its business operations or any part of its supply chain are free from involvement with slavery, human trafficking or labour exploitation. Our company supports the UK Government's commitment to eradicate the abuse and exploitation of workers, both in the UK and overseas. This statement will be displayed on our premises and is signed by the Director to demonstrate the company's commitment.

### **Our commitment**

Our approach to preventing slavery, human trafficking and labour exploitation means that we strive to maintain a productive and open dialogue with all parties who may have an interest in our activities including customers, suppliers and employees. We have an established programme to monitor supplier performance and actively encourage feedback from our employees to report any concerns directly. This includes promoting best practice and striving to work with our suppliers to build effective and transparent supply chains. Modern slavery is a crime and a violation of fundamental human rights, which will not be tolerated at our company. We are committed to doing business in a responsible way, which includes a promise to do all that we reasonably can to prevent all forms of modern slavery in any part of our business and our supply chain. We expect our customers and suppliers to share and uphold these same strong ethical values and principles.

### **Ownership**

The Management takes ultimate responsibility for monitoring this policy and is committed to developing and implementing appropriate initiatives, as set out below. Our company expects that all of its business is conducted in compliance with high ethical standards of business practice. We apply these standards to all dealings with employees, customers, suppliers and other stakeholders.

### **Compliance**

The Company supports the International Labour Organisation's Global Employment Agenda and fully complies with the international labour standards in relation to

employment and ethical policy and has taken into account the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

The following actions will be implemented to support this policy:

1. Slavery, human trafficking and labour exploitation will be considered and addressed in our approach to corporate social responsibility (CSR) and reviewed on an annual basis.
2. All employees must have a written contract of employment setting out their terms and conditions in line with government requirements.
3. To ensure that any issues or concerns about slavery or human trafficking can be raised, the Whistle Blowing procedure will be made available to our employees who are encouraged and supported to report any concerns in confidence.
4. Audits will continue be carried out to ensure that all our employees are paid at least the National Minimum Wage or Living Wage where applicable and have the right to work in the UK.
5. Line Managers will be trained to monitor and control working hours to ensure that excessive hours are not being worked and that overtime is paid at an appropriate rate.
6. Commercial agreements shall include an obligation on our suppliers to operate in accordance with the Act and to ensure that any of their suppliers and sub-contractors also operate in accordance with the Act.
7. Children must not be exploited or denied education and their health and safety must be protected at all times. Children under the age of 16 will not be recruited or employed in any capacity.
8. Children and young people under 18 shall not be asked to work at night or carry out activities that are potentially hazardous or injurious to their health and development.
9. There shall be no forced or involuntary labour of any description and suppliers shall allow their workers the rights to leave after giving reasonable notice.
10. Workers must not be expected to perform duties incompatible with their physical or mental abilities.
11. Suppliers must complete fully documented risk assessments of their sites and any accommodation provided, regularly monitor risks posed to workers' health and safety and assign a senior manager to be responsible for such matters.
12. Our company supports the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority Construction Protocol.

The due diligence process that we carry out is designed to ensure that there is no slavery, human trafficking or labour exploitation in our business or supply chain. This includes auditing external suppliers' terms and conditions of employment and giving up to date advice on employment legislation, verification of documentation and identification of free sources of advice and/or government support to encourage a culture of compliance with all legal obligations and protect the reputations of all concerned.

We have worked with our suppliers for many years to help them build sustainable businesses, commercially, ethically and environmentally and our CSR statement sets out our expectations of suppliers on issues such as pay, working hours, child labour and fair treatment at work.

An assessment of the effectiveness of the measures that we have taken to prevent such activity and the way we assess and manage the risks that are identified will include an audit of suppliers' management systems and records for delivering compliance.

Suppliers are expected to cooperate fully and to communicate their compliance with our standards across all workers, suppliers and sub-contractors engaged in their supply chain. Suppliers must also provide a mechanism for workers to report or discuss non-compliance confidentially.

### **Breaches of this Policy**

Any employee found to be in breach of this policy will face disciplinary action, which could result in dismissal in accordance with our HR Policies. We may terminate our business with other individuals, contractors, agencies or other suppliers working with us if they are found to be in breach of this policy. We are committed to working with suppliers to support necessary improvements, but we may also take action if suppliers are not prepared to work collaboratively to drive improvements, which may include termination of commercial contracts where necessary.

### **Communication**

This statement is displayed on our premises. Training on this policy and related to slavery, human trafficking and labour exploitation will be made available for all employees involved in putting our people to work or working with our supply chain



Ahmed Suleman  
Director  
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