

MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING STATEMENT

Introduction

This Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement is a response to Section 54(1), Part 6 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and relates to actions and activities for the financial year ending 29 February 2024.

Hy-Vac Commercial Services Limited ('the Company', 'we', 'us' or 'our') is committed to preventing slavery and human trafficking violations in its own operations, its supply chain, and its products. We have zero-tolerance towards slavery and require our supply chain to comply with our values.

Organisational Structure

Hy-Vac Commercial Services Limited is incorporated and has business operations in the United Kingdom.

We operate in the construction, maintenance and cleaning sector. The nature of our supply chains is as follows: We work with a small number of key direct suppliers, who provide us with goods, such as tools and equipment for our premises, and services such as IT software solutions.

For more information about the Company, please visit our website: www.hy-vac.co.uk.

Policies

We operate a number of internal policies to ensure that we are conducting business in an ethical and transparent manner.

These include the following:

- Recruitment and selection policy - We conduct checks on all prospective employees to verify that they are eligible to work in the UK. Certain roles require a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check where employees may be working with vulnerable people
- Staff code of conduct - We are committed to the fair treatment of all staff. Our staff code of conduct reflects our core values and expected behaviours. The code of conduct makes it clear that we have a zero-tolerance approach to modern slavery.
- Safeguarding policy - This policy highlights the potential risks of modern slavery and human trafficking, including how to identify signs of exploitation and how to report concerns.

We make sure our suppliers are aware of our policies and adhere to the same standards.

Due Diligence

As part of our efforts to monitor and reduce the risk of slavery and human trafficking occurring in our supply chains, we have adopted the following due diligence procedures:

- Internal supplier audits.

Our due diligence procedures aim to:

- Identify and action potential risks in our business and supply chains.
- Monitor potential risks in our business and supply chains
- Reduce the risk of slavery and human trafficking occurring in our business and supply chains.

Risk and Compliance

The Company has evaluated the nature and extent of its exposure to the risk of slavery and human trafficking occurring in its UK supply chain through:

- Reviewing on a regular basis all aspects of the supply chain based on supply chain mapping.

We consider that we operate in a high-risk environment because the construction industry, and cleaning sector in general, exhibit characteristics that can be seen to put workers at higher risk of being exploited..

We do not tolerate slavery and human trafficking in our supply chains. Where there is evidence of failure to comply with our policies and procedures by any of our suppliers, we will seek to terminate our relationship with that supplier immediately.

Effectiveness

The Company uses Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to measure its effectiveness and ensure that slavery and human trafficking is not taking place in its business and supply chains. These KPIs are as follows:

- We will train our staff about modern slavery issues and increase awareness within the Company.

Training Staff

The Company requires its staff to complete training and ongoing refresher courses on slavery and human trafficking. The Company's training covers:

- How to identify the signs of slavery and human trafficking.
- What initial steps should be taken if slavery or human trafficking is suspected.
- How to escalate potential slavery or human trafficking issues to the relevant parties within the Company.

The statement was approved by the board of directors.

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Date