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This statement sets out Saica Group's actions in the UK to understand our potential modern slavery risks and to put in place steps that are aimed at ensuring that there is no slavery or human trafficking in our business and supply chains. This statement relates to actions and activities during the financial year 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019.

ORGANISATIONS STRUCTURE AND SUPPLY CHAIN

Saica Group is split into four divisions, working in an integrated cycle to produce sustainable solutions for recycling and waste services, paper, board and flexible packaging. The divisions comprise of Saica Natur, Saica Paper, Saica Pack and Saica Flex.

Our Saica Paper and Saica Pack businesses operate almost entirely within the UK & Ireland only. Saica Natur operates predominantly in the UK and Ireland, with some limited sales internationally. Saica Flex operates predominantly in the UK with a proportion of sales and supply internationally.

Consequently, our suppliers are predominantly from within the UK & Ireland, although some specialist material supplies are sourced internationally.

OUR COMMITMENT

We recognise that we have a corporate social and ethical responsibility to take a robust approach to tackling modern slavery.

One of the fundamental principles firmly upheld by our company, which infuses and governs the professional actions of our managers and executives, is legal and ethical behaviour devoted to guarantee sustainable growth. Subsequently, we are very proud of the steps we have implemented to combat slavery, demonstrating our dedication to promoting ethical behaviour. The organisation is absolutely committed to preventing slavery and human trafficking in its corporate activities, and to ensuring that its employees and supply chains are all free from slavery, human trafficking, debt bondage or any other form of slavery.

As part of this Saica Group has been committed to the Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI) Base Code (www.ethicaltrade.org) and has maintained and followed an Ethical Trading Statement and Policy. The Statement and Policy, as well as the ETI Base Code, are contained in the Saica Colleague Handbook of the UK and Ireland. The Policy shows that the inclusion of steps to combat slavery and human trafficking in Saica Group's values and policy pre-date the Modern Slavery Act.

DUE DILIGENCE PROCESS FOR ASSESSING RISK

Internal employees

- The 'Right to Work' checklist issued by the Government is used to verify all new employees and requesting updated copies of relevant documents if required.
- During the recruitment offer process, we ensure potential employees are aware that relevant documentation will need to be presented.
- Training has been provided for HR and Procurement on the Act to raise awareness on Modern Slavery, how to identify and deal with it efficiently.
- Compliance with the Modern Slavery Act has been included in our Ethical Trading policy within the Employee handbook.
- Our Code of Ethics and Legal Compliance has been communicated and trained to all UK & Ireland employees, as well as taking a place of prominence on our website from which it can be accessed by all customers and suppliers.
- As mentioned above, the Colleague Handbook contains the Saica Ethical Trading Statement and Policy. The Colleague Handbook also sets out the Saica Group approach to business, which expressly includes offering "the optimum working environment for the welfare of all our employees". It also includes "observe ethical behaviour" under employees' core skills and behaviours.

Supply chains

- Saica has amended its template contracts, to ensure suppliers are expected to abide by the Saica Code of Ethics which includes anti-slavery. This covers both new and renewal contracts. This has also extended into supplier questionnaire and supplier audits in key cases.
- A basic risk assessment of suppliers in Pack was carried out, based upon systematic criteria to identify larger higher risk supplies. In these cases a more in-depth assurance approach has been taken.

Through the processes discussed in this section, Saica Group will continue to deploy these steps in order to verify all suppliers and employees over time. Additional methods to enhance awareness and compliance will be reinforced through audits and training.

This statement is made pursuant to section 54 (1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes Saica Group's slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ending December 2019.



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