

# Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Annual Statement for the Financial Year 2024-2025

## Introduction

This statement is made pursuant to section S4(1) of The Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes Morson Group slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ending March 2025.

Modern Slavery is a term used to encapsulate two offences in the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

- Slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour
- Human trafficking

We have a responsibility to ensure that workers are not being exploited, that they are safe and that relevant employment, health and safety, human rights laws and international standards are adhered to, including freedom of movement and communications. We are committed to improving our practices to combat slavery and human trafficking.

## The Nature of our Business

The Morson Group Companies in the UK comprise of holding businesses, technical recruitment businesses, engineering, and design businesses; architectural and design services, I.T. services and recruitment agencies providing recruitment services to clients across a number of sectors.

Morson Group UK companies comprise of:

- GGM Holdings Ltd
- GGM Human Resources Ltd
- MMGG Acquisitions Ltd
- Morson Group Ltd
- Morson Holdings Ltd
- Morson Human Resources Ltd
- Morson Projects Ltd
- Vital Human Resources Ltd
- Bridge Technology Partners Ltd
- Anderselite Ltd

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- Waldeck Associates Ltd
- Waldeck Holdings Ltd
- Morson Cyber Security Ltd
- Beacon Computer Services Ltd
- Caneline Ltd
- Cornwallis Elt Ltd
- InterQuest Group (UK) Ltd
- Astraeus Consulting Ltd
- Orange Solutions Ltd

#### **Our Policies**

Within the Morson Group of companies in the UK we have the following policies relating to Slavery and Human Trafficking:

- Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Sustainability Policy
- Quality Policy
- Anti-Corruption, Anti-Bribery & Anti-Competitive Practices Policy

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- Safeguarding Policy
- Environmental, Social and Governance Policy

Within our Quality Management System certified to ISO9001:2015 we have a Product and Service Provision encompassing Procurement.

## **Our Supply Chain**

We are committed to ensuring that there is no modern slavery or human trafficking in our supply chains or in any part of our business. Our Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking Policy reflects our commitment to acting ethically and with integrity in all our business relationships and to implementing and enforcing effective systems and controls to ensure slavery and human trafficking does not take place in our supply chains.

Morson procures products and services in order to sustainably develop its business. The key areas of procurement are:

- I.T. hardware, software and telecommunications
- Vehicles
- Medical and medical testing services
- Stationary
- Office furniture
- Personal Protective Equipment and workwear
- Training services
- Travel services

# Identification of Potential Risk of Slavery and Human Trafficking Areas in the Business

Morson has identified the following business areas as the most significant potential risk:

- The provision of agency labour
- The supply chain

# The Provision of Agency Labour

1. The potential risk

Enslaved or human trafficked individuals are placed in work as agency labour with a client

2. <u>Risk control</u>

Morson undertakes rigorous checks on each individual including eligibility to work in accordance with Home Office requirements, references, qualifications, proof of NI (UK), and bank details to ensure each person is acting in their own right.

# The Supply Chain

#### 1. The potential risk

The use of suppliers that contravene the Modern Slavery Act 2015

2. <u>Risk control</u>

All suppliers are required to complete and return a supplier appraisal questionnaire and to commit to their adherence to the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

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# **Due Diligence Process for Slavery and Human Trafficking**

As part of our initiative to identify and mitigate risk:

- We conduct internal audits on our recruitment process and onboarding process to ensure that only eligible workers are engaged for agency work.
- We review our supplier appraisal questionnaires as required by our Procurement Process in our Quality Management System.
- Our point of contact with national or international supply chains is often with a UK company. We expect these entities to have suitable anti-slavery and human trafficking policies and processes. It is not practical for us to have a direct relationship and influence with all levels in the supply chain.
- Regularly updated Supplier Appraisal Questionnaire.
- Dedicated Eligibility to Work team as part of the assurance Process.

#### **Our Effectiveness in Combating Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking**

We measure the effectiveness of our risk control measures and due diligence to ensure that slavery and human trafficking is not taking place in our business or supply chains. The Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are:

- 100% pass rate in the internal audits of the recruitment and induction procedures
- 100% pass rate in the internal audits of the onboarding and Eligibility to Work procedures.
- 100% confirmation of suppliers of adherence to the Modern Slavery Act 2015
- No evidence during the year of Modern Slavery activity amongst the agency labour supplied
- No evidence during the year of Modern Slavery activity amongst our supply chain

#### Training

To ensure a high level of understanding of the risks of modern slavery and human trafficking in our business and our supply chains we will provide relevant information to all staff via our HR induction, on-going training and our company intranet.

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