

# **Evolution Search Partners** SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING STATEMENT

## INTRODUCTION FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

Slavery and human trafficking remains a hidden blight on our global society. We all have a responsibly to be alert to the risks, however small, in our business and in the wider supply chain. Staff are expected to report concerns and management are expected to act upon them.

# **O**RGANISATION'S STRUCTURE

We are a leading global provider of headhunting, recruitment and consultancy services for the Life Sciences industries. Evolution Search Partners has its head office in Glasgow, Scotland. We believe transparency is the best way we can ensure the public that we are doing our best as an ethical corporate citizen. In that spirit, we have published our annual statement for slavery and human trafficking, made in compliance with section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015, in which we explain how slavery and human trafficking can affect our business and the steps we are taking in the fight against it.

# **OUR BUSINESS**

Our business is organised into two main business units: Evolution Search Partners & Evolution Bioscience (consultancy).

## **OUR SUPPLY CHAINS**

Our supply chains do not include the sourcing of raw materials or goods. We utilise a proprietary headhunt methodology to attract candidates.

## **OUR POLICIES ON SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

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 Anti-slavery 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 is not taking place anywhere in our supply chains.

## DUE DILIGENCE PROCESSES FOR SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

As part of our initiative to identify and mitigate risk -

• Where possible we build long standing relationships with local suppliers and tenancy customers and make clear our expectations of business behaviour;

• With regards to national or international supply chains, our point contact is preferably with a UK company or branch and we expect these entities to have suitable anti-slavery and human trafficking policies and processes.

• We have in place systems to encourage the reporting of concerns and the protection of whistle blowers.

• Supplier collaboration: Encouraging suppliers to collaborate to address slavery and human trafficking issues

• Incentivisation: Developing mechanisms to incentivise employees and suppliers to address slavery and human trafficking and improve labour standards

• Accountability: Establishing a framework for organisation accountability to allow for raising issues, making suggestions, voicing grievances and reporting slavery and human trafficking

#### **SUPPLIER ADHERENCE TO OUR VALUES**

We have zero tolerance to slavery and human trafficking. We expect all those in our supply chain and contractors to fully comply with our values.

#### TRAINING

To ensure a high level of understanding of the risks of modern slavery and human trafficking in our supply chains and our business, we provide training to relevant members of staff. All Directors have been briefed on the subject.

#### **OUR EFFECTIVENESS IN COMBATING SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

We use the following key performance indicators (KPIs) to measure how effective we have been to ensure that slavery and human trafficking is not taking place in any part of our business or supply chains:

- Monitoring staff training levels
- Use of labour monitoring and payroll systems; and

• Level of communication and personal contact with next link in the supply chain and their understanding of, and compliance with, our expectations.

This statement is made pursuant to section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes our group's slavery and human trafficking statement for the current financial year

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