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Modern Slavery Act Statement

Introduction

HWM-Water supports the provisions set out in the Modern Slavery Act (“the Act”) and, through our own Human Rights and Labour Conditions Policy, endorses the core requirements of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, including the conventions relating to forced labour, child labour, non-discrimination, freedom of association and right to collective bargaining. We do not tolerate practices which contravene these international standards. Regulatory demands upon us vary considerably around the world, so HWM-Water establishes the core structure to ensure that it fully complies with legislative and regulatory requirements.

The Act requires organisations to publish a slavery and human trafficking statement on an annual basis where they have a turnover of over £36 million, carry on business in the UK and are supplying goods or services. HWM-Water falls outside of the scope of the Act as it stands. This statement sets out the steps we have taken to ensure that slavery and human trafficking is not taking place in our supply chains.

HWM-Water’s approach to the Act

HWM-Water has a culture of openness, integrity and accountability. We require our employees to act fairly in their dealings with fellow employees, customers, suppliers and business partners.

We do not believe that we operate in any high-risk industries and, based on the Global Slavery Index 2016, we do not have business operations in the highest risk countries.

Our worldwide [Code of Conduct](#) sets out the ethical standards that should govern the activities of HWM-Water and its subsidiaries, and the activities of our employees and business partners. Our policies and procedures are being updated to specifically reference modern slavery and human trafficking.

The Group has a clear whistleblowing policy and an established third-party whistleblowing hotline which allows employees in any of our businesses to raise concerns confidentially, anonymously (where permitted by law) and independent of their company. We regularly undertake audits of our major suppliers. Prior to engaging with major suppliers, due diligence and vetting procedures are in place to ensure that suppliers will meet our required standards.

This statement was approved by the Board of HWM-Water Ltd and signed on its behalf by:

Rob Fish
Managing Director

30 September 2016