

# **Modern Slavery Statement**

## **Organisation Structure & Supply Chains**

Plastipak UK Ltd, part of Plastipak Holdings Inc., operates within the manufacturing sector as a market leader in the production of PET (Polyethylene Terephthalate) preforms and bottles. The Company has 2 sites in the UK covering Factory and Corporate Office facilities. The products are mainly produced for the UK market, with some exported to the EU such as the Republic of Ireland.

We are committed to fully complying with the Modern Slavery Act 2015 in our operation in the manufacture and sale of PET preforms and bottles.

We have zero tolerance to any form of modern slavery and will not support or deal with any business knowingly involved in slavery or human trafficking. We are committed to acting ethically with integrity and transparency in all our business dealings to ensure against any form of slavery taking place within our business and supply chain.

Our approach to any form of modern slavery is embedded in our business core values covering:







**DIGNITY** Respect others





Be a good citizen

## Responsibilities

The Directors and the Senior UK Leadership Team shall take responsibility for ensuring this statement is reviewed and up to date.

The Senior UK Leadership Team will promptly and thoroughly investigate any claim or indication that there has been a violation of this statement, and take remedial action in the event of contravention and report back to the Directors.

The Human Resources function will be responsible for introducing and reviewing policies.

#### **Our Policies and Standards**

The Company operates a Social Compliance Policy that includes Modern Slavery and in addition, operates a Code of Conduct covering areas including, for example, Anti-Bribery and respecting Human Rights. In addition, employees can raise concerns and report misconduct including unethical behaviour by colleagues, customers, suppliers and third party's under the Code of Conduct.

We work closely with Agencies that provide our temporary staff.



# **Training and Awareness**

We provide training for relevant staff and functions to ensure they understand slavery and human trafficking.

We publish on our Social Compliance noticeboard Stronger Together information and have a point of contact if issues need to be raised.

# Due Diligence and Managing Risk

We are committed to implementing and enforcing effective processes to prevent the risk of slavery and human trafficking in our supply chains including:

- Compliance with the Plastipak Code of Conduct.
- Continuous review of Plastipak HR policies and standards in line current UK legislation.
- Undergoing periodic Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI) Base Code of Conduct audits by our customers.
- The requirements of the ETI Base Code are publicly displayed in our factory.
- Working closely with the Agencies that provide our temporary staff.
- Membership of the Supplier Ethical Data Exchange (SEDEX), a not for profit membership organisation dedicated to driving improvements in responsible ethical business practices in global supply chains.
- Periodic audits by our customers.
- Reference checking in recruitment.
- Approved Supplier lists.
- Understanding the ethical policy status of our suppliers.
- Training for Procurement personnel.

#### **Performance Measures**

#### a) 2023

In 2023 we focused on the following areas:

#### Safeguarding

Mental Health Awareness was a key focus of our safe guarding approach during the year. We created a Wellbeing Hub to encourage employees to discuss in confidence, any mental health issues they may have.

In addition, Mental Health Awareness played a key part in our annual Safety Day agenda.

#### **Increased Awareness**

We continued to increase awareness of Modern Slavery in the business through:



- Reminding all our employees of our commitment to the ETI Base Code and Modern Slavery.
- Internal and External Audits.
- Training on:
  - Modern Slavery.
  - Behavioural Safety
  - Disciplinary, Capability and Grievance training for Managers.
  - Ethical and responsible sourcing for Procurement.
- Refresher training on Social Compliance policy and ETI Base Code.

# b) 2024

The focus for 2024 will be a combination of internal and external activities, with key areas as follows:

# Training:

• Training on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.

# Awareness:

- Annual Safety Day.
- Continued development on Behavioural Safety Program.
- Continue to audit our labour suppliers.
- Continued people development training on Disciplinary, Capability and Grievance training for Managers.

This statement is made pursuant to section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ending 31 October 2023 of Plastipak UK Ltd.

Signed by Pedro Martins

Pedro Martins Executive Managing Director

Dated Jan 18th 2024