



## **MCBRIDE PLC**

### **ANTI-SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING STATEMENT 2017**

We are committed to ensuring there is transparency in our own business and to our approach to tackling modern slavery in our supply chain and we expect the same high standards from our suppliers.

#### **ABOUT US**

McBride is a major manufacturer of Household and Personal Care products, developing, producing and supplying its products to a wide range of customers including most major European retailers for their Private Label offer as well as to a number of brand owners.

McBride was established in 1927. From its historic UK base, the Company has grown both organically and by acquisition, expanding its range of products and its manufacturing base into key continental European markets and Asia Pacific. The Company listed on the London Stock Exchange in 1995.

McBride has over 4,100 employees and operates in 12 countries. In 2017, the Group had a global annual turnover of £705.2m.

#### **OUR SUPPLY CHAINS**

We are one of the largest European buyers for several of the raw and packaging materials that we source, including surfactants, salts, polymers, enzymes, HDPE, triggers and paper packaging. We also buy a broad range of indirect services and goods across our business.

Our Group purchasing team, which covers all subsidiaries, aims to be best-in-class and buys centrally out of two major locations (Belgium and the UK).

We are very open to new ideas, concepts, or ways to do things better. We regard suppliers as partners in our drive for quality, innovation and efficiency.

Our suppliers help us develop new products, achieve efficiency and serve our customers better. In turn, we aim at working on a long-term basis with our suppliers to help them develop their businesses as well as ours.

We seek to establish mutually beneficial relationships with all our suppliers and encourage them to match our high standards in respect of quality, product safety, working and trading practices, health and safety and environmental protection and human rights.

Our Business Ethics Policy sets out our principles in relation to our supplier relationships. During the year, we have introduced a Supplier Code of Conduct which sets out the standards of behaviour we expect from all of our suppliers. As a minimum standard, we adhere to the provisions of the Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI) and require every supplier to ensure that our Codes of Conduct are complied with along with national and other applicable law.

The Supplier Code of Conduct is published on our website. Any breach of the Code may result in a termination of business relationship with a supplier.

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

We take the issue of human rights seriously and over the next 12 months we will continue to strengthen our policies and management systems in this area. Our employee policies are set locally



to comply with local law within the overall Group framework and we monitor the employment practices of our supply chain.

### **SUPPLIER ADHERENCE TO OUR ETHICAL STANDARDS**

We have zero tolerance to slavery and human trafficking. We do not work with companies or individuals that infringe the law or endanger our reputation.

We employ purchasing procedures that, where possible, select suppliers on the basis of specification, quality, service and economic factors and favour those who operate in an ethical and socially responsible manner.

### **OUR DUE DILIGENCE PROCESS FOR SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

We carry out third party ethical audits which are run under the Sedex System wherever possible or, alternatively, under a specific retailer's own system. All conform with the ETI and our sites are independently audited at a frequency determined by risk. We maintain full data disclosure under the Sedex System for all sites regardless of audit frequency.

### **OUR WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY**

Our Whistleblowing Policy is intended to act as a deterrent to fraud or corruption or other serious malpractice; it is also intended to protect the Group's business and reputation.

We recognise that employees will usually be the first to know when someone inside or connected with an organisation is doing something illegal, dishonest, dangerous, or unethical. This may relate to the actions of third parties such as customers or suppliers. We do not believe that it is in anyone's interests for employees with knowledge of wrongdoing to remain silent. We therefore welcome the opportunity to address at the earliest opportunity any potential for something to go badly wrong in the business and we actively promote openness within the business so that we are better able to deter wrong doing and pick up potential problems early. Colleagues are encouraged to report genuine concern about serious malpractice to either their line manager or independently to the Company Secretary.

### **OUR BUSINESS ETHICS POLICY**

We have a strong code of ethics and expect all colleagues to behave with honesty, discretion, integrity and respect for all stakeholders.

Our code of business ethics is fundamental to our ways of working and is underpinned by various corporate policies and procedures. We are committed to carrying out business fairly, honestly and openly and do not act in any way which might reflect adversely upon the integrity and goodwill of McBride.

Our Business Ethics Policy can be found on our website.

### **TRAINING**

It is a responsibility of all managers to ensure that McBride policies are properly communicated, understood and applied. Managers are also responsible for undertaking full investigations into suspected breaches of McBride policies, rules and guidelines. This may involve disciplinary action where necessary and appropriate.

Employees are encouraged to advise their managers as soon as possible where they either suspect or believe there has been a breach of the Group's social & ethical standards. Any such communication will be handled confidentially and may be registered anonymously if the employee so desires.



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 financial year ending 30 June 2017.

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Rik De Vos, Chief Executive Officer

McBride Plc  
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