

Modern Slavery Act Company Statement FY 1st Oct 2019-31st Dec 2020

Inverterk Drives Limited are dedicated to improving our practices to combat slavery and human trafficking and will operate a zero-tolerance approach throughout all areas of our business. We are committed to eradicating all forms of slavery or human trafficking in accordance with the Modern Slavery Act 2015. We expect the same from our customers, suppliers, distributors, contractors and other suppliers of goods and services around the globe.

Organisation's structure

Inverterk Drives Ltd is part of Sumitomo Heavy Industries situated within the Power Transmission and Control Division.

Inverterk Drives Ltd is a global manufacturer of sophisticated electronic variable speed drives used to control electric motors in the industrial automation sector. We have over 240 employees worldwide, operate in over 80 countries, with a global annual turnover in excess of £37 million.

Our supply chains

We have an extensive global network of over 135 suppliers throughout the world, ranging from small private limited companies to large multinationals. Our aim is to eliminate, as far as is possible, the risk of modern slavery within the supply chain and to trade both ethically and with integrity throughout our entire business.

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. Our aim is to ensure slavery and human trafficking is not taking place anywhere within our supply chains.

Due diligence processes for slavery and human trafficking

We audit all our current suppliers annually and confirm their ongoing commitment to eradicating all forms of abuse. All new suppliers are required to carry out self-assessments and declare compliance with our stated policy prior to the initiation of any business affiliation.

Within our ISO9001 Quality System we monitor and protect our supply chains by:

- Identifying, assessing and monitoring potential risk areas
- Mitigating the risk of slavery and human trafficking occurring
- Protecting whistle blowers

Supplier adherence to our values

To ensure all those in our supply chains comply with our values we have a dedicated compliance team consisting of a Compliance Manager, supported by internal and external auditors and managers at all levels within the company. The team monitors the compliance process ensuring that it is robust, effective and remains fit for purpose.

Training

To ensure a high level of understanding of the risks, within our supply chains and business, we provide the following training to our staff:

- Employees who interact with our supply chain are made aware of potential risk areas and how to escalate concerns without fear of repercussions
- New starters are briefed regarding this policy during their company induction
- This policy is included into periodic company re-inductions carried out for all employees
- We work with our business partners to ensure they provide appropriate training to their staff, suppliers and providers

Our effectiveness in combating slavery and human trafficking

The following key performance indicators (KPIs) are used to measure the effectiveness of this policy:

- Annual Internal and external ISO 9001 audit to include modern slavery and human trafficking
- Global Purchasing to evaluate all new potential suppliers before they enter the supply chain
- Global Purchasing to review all existing suppliers annually based on risk

Further steps

Following a review of the effectiveness of the steps already in place the following further actions will be taken to combat slavery and human trafficking:

- The due diligence questionnaire, which suppliers complete prior to commencement of business with Invertex, to include questions on modern slavery and human trafficking
- Slavery and human trafficking to form part of the annual supplier review process
- Training to be arranged for relevant employees and updated annually
- New document to be included into future versions of ISO 9001 procedures
- Ensure all Invertex Associate and Subsidiary companies comply

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Operations Director Invertex Drives Ltd

On behalf of Board of Directors

This statement is made pursuant to section 54(6) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015.