



## Modern Day Slavery Statement

### Introduction

This statement sets out Woodford Heating and Energy Limited's actions to understand all potential modern slavery risks related to its business and to put in place steps that are aimed at ensuring that there is no slavery or human trafficking in its own business and its supply chains. This statement relates to actions and activities during the financial year 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.

As part of the construction industry within the UK we recognise that we have a responsibility to take a robust approach to slavery and human trafficking and we continue to take our responsibility very seriously during the coronavirus pandemic.

Our organisation is absolutely committed to preventing slavery and human trafficking in its corporate activities, and to ensuring that its supply chains are free from slavery and human trafficking.

### Organisational structure and supply chains

This statement covers the activities of Woodford Heating and Energy Limited which incorporates Woodford FM and Woodford Renewables & Smart Tech:

- Woodford specialise in mechanical and electrical building services within the UK construction industry.
- Woodford FM specialise in facilities maintenance.
- Woodford Renewables and Smarttech specialise in supporting clients to reduce their carbon footprint by saving energy.

The following is the process by which the company assesses whether or not particular activities are high risk in relation to slavery or human trafficking:

- We seek confirmation from our supply chain that they take relevant appropriate steps to eradicate the risk of slavery or human trafficking.

### *High-risk activities*

The following activities are considered to be at high risk of slavery or human trafficking:

- Procurement of supplies and materials from outside the UK.

### *Responsibility*

Responsibility for our anti-slavery initiatives is as follows:

- **Policies:** The Managing Director is responsible for putting in place and reviewing policies and the process by which they were developed.



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- **Risk assessments:** The Commercial Director has broad organisational responsibility for human rights and modern slavery risk analysis.
- **Investigations/due diligence:** The People Experience department are responsible for investigations and due diligence in relation to known or suspected instances of slavery and human trafficking, and will raise concerns to the Managing Director and Commercial Director.
- **Training:** Every employee and subcontractor that works with Woodford have to undertake modern slavery awareness training and it also forms part of the induction process.

### Relevant policies

We operate the following policies that describe our approach to the identification of modern slavery risks and steps to be taken to prevent slavery and human trafficking in its operations:

- **Whistleblowing policy** We encourage all our workers, customers and other business partners to report any concerns related to the direct activities, or the supply chains of, our organisation. This includes any circumstances that may give rise to an enhanced risk of slavery or human trafficking. Our whistleblowing procedure is designed to make it easy for workers to make disclosures, without fear of retaliation. Employees, customers or others who have concerns can use our confidential helpline/complete our confidential disclosure form.
- **Supplier/Procurement code of conduct** We are committed to ensuring that its suppliers adhere to the highest standards of ethics. Suppliers are required to demonstrate that they provide safe working conditions where necessary, treat workers with dignity and respect, and act ethically and within the law in their use of labour. We work with suppliers to ensure that they meet the standards of the code and improve their worker's working conditions. However, serious violations of our supplier code of conduct will lead to the termination of the business relationship.
- **Recruitment policy** We use only specified, reputable employment agencies to source labour and always verifies the practices of any new agency it is using before accepting workers from that agency.

### Due diligence

We undertake due diligence when considering taking on new suppliers, and regularly reviews its existing suppliers. Our due diligence and reviews include:

- evaluating the modern slavery and human trafficking risks of each new supplier;
- reviewing on a regular basis all aspects of the supply chain based on the supply chain mapping;
- conducting supplier audits or assessments through the organisation's own staff/third party auditor, which have a greater degree of focus on slavery and human trafficking where general risks are identified;
- creating an annual risk profile for each supplier;
- taking steps to improve substandard suppliers' practices, including providing advice to suppliers through third party auditor and requiring them to implement action plans;



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- invoking sanctions against suppliers that fail to improve their performance in line with an action plan or seriously violate our supplier code of conduct, including the termination of the business relationship.

## Performance indicators

We have reviewed our key performance indicators (KPIs). As a result, we are:

- requiring all staff to have completed training on modern slavery by 31 October 2021 which will be repeated in 2024;
- developing a system for supply chain verification, whereby we evaluate potential suppliers before they enter the supply chain; and
- reviewed its existing supply chains and utilise the SMAS system whereby we evaluate all existing suppliers.

## Training

We require all staff to complete training on modern slavery as a module within our wider human rights/ethics/ethical trade training programme.

Our modern slavery training covers:

- how to assess the risk of slavery and human trafficking in relation to various aspects of the business, including resources and support available;
- how to identify the signs of slavery and human trafficking;
- what initial steps should be taken if slavery or human trafficking is suspected;
- how to escalate potential slavery or human trafficking issues to the relevant parties within our organisation;
- what external help is available, for example through the Modern Slavery Helpline, Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority and "Stronger together" initiative;
- what messages, business incentives or guidance can be given to suppliers and other business partners and contractors to implement anti-slavery policies; and
- what steps our organisation should take if suppliers or contractors do not implement anti-slavery policies in high-risk scenarios, including their removal from our supply chains.

## Board Member approval

This statement was approved on 19 April 2023 by our board of directors, who review and update it annually.

*Stephen T Abbott*

**Managing Director's signature:** .....

**Date signed:** Apr 19, 2023 .....