



Modern Slavery Act 2015 Statement

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Established in 1900 The Hills Group Limited is a privately-owned family company and undertakes business activities which include recycling and waste management; quarrying of aggregates and production of ready-mixed concrete; and building new homes. The Group's main operations are centred on Wiltshire and it employs over 400 people at 28 sites located in the South and South West of England.

Hills believe that slavery, the exploitation of workers and the use of child labour should play no role in the operation of modern day business. Hills is committed to ensuring that acts of modern slavery and human trafficking are not present within our own operations, or those of our suppliers, contractors and business partners.

The company requires all employees to adhere to its code of conduct, which sets out the standards of workplace behaviour expected of them. This includes their behaviour towards each other, contractors and suppliers. All employees are expected to act with dignity and respect, while upholding the highest standards of business ethics. The code of conduct policy is supported by equal opportunities and fair employment policies and practices to ensure the company complies with UK employment legislation and employee rights at work are maintained.

Having reviewed our supply chain, during the year the company has adopted a responsible purchasing policy that brings together and updates existing policies and established approval processes within the company for contractors and business partners and selection of suppliers. The policy seeks to ensure that the company only does business with like-minded suppliers, contractors and business partners that uphold the same standards of business ethics as our own. This includes requiring them to confirm their compliance with the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and where appropriate to have supporting policies and processes with their suppliers. Where they are not able to provide us with adequate assurances on compliance we will cease to trade with them unless they can clearly demonstrate that they are taking verifiable action towards compliance.

The company operates a whistleblower policy to provide employees a confidential method of reporting suspected wrongdoing if they believe it to be taking place within the business. Any reported concerns are taken seriously and appropriately investigated.

Employees are kept informed and updated on policies through a number of internal communication channels and training is conducted to support the company's culture and strong business ethics.

The Hills Group is committed to reviewing of its policies and procedures to maintain an ethical and legally compliant culture within its business and those it does business with. This statement is made in accordance with Section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes the Hills Group's anti-slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ending 30 April 2016.



Michael P Hill, chief executive

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