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# MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT 2020

This statement has been published in accordance with the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (the Act). It sets out the steps taken by Garic Ltd to prevent modern slavery and human trafficking in its business and supply chain.

It has been reviewed by the Garic Ltd Board of Directors and signed on its behalf by Nigel Quinn, the Garic Ltd Managing Director, on 30th June 2020.



## Introduction



Modern slavery is a brutal form of organised crime in which people are treated as commodities and exploited for criminal gain. The International Labour Organisation (ILO) estimates that at any one time over 40 million men, women and children are working in conditions of modern slavery, including trafficked persons. Most of these people are in the supply chains of legitimate industries and this is a crime and violation of fundamental human rights. Modern slavery can take various different forms such as slavery, servitude, forced and compulsory labour and human trafficking. All of which have in common the deprivation of a person(s) liberty by another in order to exploit them for personal or commercial gain.

Garic Ltd has a zero-tolerance approach to modern slavery and will not tolerate any such activities within our operation and is committed to working within our own business and supply chain to ensure that we implement a proactive approach to tackling forced labour exploitation, human trafficking and slavery. This statement provides details of our policies, our approach, and the efforts we take to further reduce exploitation and to prevent modern slavery in line with the UK Modern Slavery Act 2015.

### Policies and Compliance

Internally this Modern Slavery Statement sets out our vision; a code of human rights, basic working conditions and corporate responsibility, address workplace issues such as working hours, child labour, forced labour, non-discrimination, freedom of association and SHEQ objectives. This statement applies to our own operations and is requested of our supply chain alongside encouragement to adopt and enforce similar policies of their own.

Further company policies and documents assist Garic Ltd to assess, prevent, educate and mitigate the risk of modern slavery existing in our organisation and its supply chain. These include:

- Modern Slavery Statement
- Procurement Policy – release shortly
- Recruitment Policy & Right to Works Checks - coming soon
- Whistleblowing Policy alongside our external whistle blowing hotline
- Garic Ltd Code of Conduct
- Garic Ltd Supplier Confirmation of Conformity Check List.

### Supply Chain

We continue to work hard to ensure Procurement is a highly centralised function within our business. This ensures a fair and consistent approach is applied to all parts of our supply chain from pre-qualification through to raising orders and paying for goods and services. In turn, this centralised and consistent management assists in the monitoring of supplier and subcontractor performance.

Garic Ltd identified the critical role that it can play in supplier development and operate by our Garic Ltd Code of Conduct and Procurement Policy. This always enables us to play an active role in supplier development to ensure that we emphasise our company values.

All suppliers are required to comply with national law and regulations otherwise we will refuse to work with any organisation in breach or that has been or is found to be knowingly involved in modern slavery.

### Due Diligence

All Garic Ltd suppliers and subcontractors in the UK are required to confirm the actions undertaken to ensure labour exploitation, modern slavery and human trafficking are not

taking place in any part of their business or supply chain, they are required to notify Garic Ltd as soon as they become aware of any instance of modern slavery or human trafficking taking place in their business or supply chain. Suppliers and subcontractors are also required to maintain a complete set of records to trace the supply chain of all goods and services provided to Garic Ltd. Those unable to demonstrate that they can meet our requirements will not be able to trade with Garic Ltd until such time that they can demonstrate that they do so.

We also require all those who work for or with us to comply with our Garic Ltd Confirmation of Conformity Checklist and for all factories and premises used in the manufacture and supply of products and services to be compliant with this document. Suppliers are required to comply with all applicable laws, statutes, regulations and codes, including but not limited to the Act, United Nations Global Compact and the International Labour Organization's International Labour Standards.

As part of our due diligence process, all suppliers and third parties are audited yearly through the use of a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire which incorporates questions relating to the Modern Slavery Act alongside the provision of the Garic Ltd Supplier Confirmation of Conformity Checklist. Through this audit process, we are able to carry out our own due diligence in mitigating the risk of modern slavery alongside educating our supply chain in modern slavery best practice.

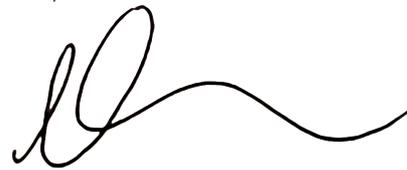
Whilst we consider our exposure to slavery/human trafficking to be very limited, we are committed to ensuring that such practices do not take place within Garic Ltd or our supply chain.

## 2020 Objectives

During 2019, we made good progress improving our understanding of risks in our business and have started to apply that knowledge to implement controls and processes. This in turn created a key step in 2020 by aligning ourselves with the Sustainability Supply Chain School. Our main objective for 2020 is to:

- Raise awareness of and provide better education to its own colleagues via the Sustainability Supply Chain School in modern slavery and sustainability. Through investment in becoming a Partner of the Sustainability Supply Chain School we hope to better influence our own colleagues and supply chain by utilising newfound knowledge.
- We aim to ensure all our documentation and processes exceed the ISO 9001 and ISO 45001 expected standard when discussing Modern Slavery alongside ensuring any process improvements or documentation is transferred into our Supply Chain.

Garic Ltd acknowledges the impact our business makes on our customer and community and the role we can play in preventing modern slavery issues. We will continue to monitor our standards and align ourselves to all regulatory requirements and guidance as we recognise the role our business plays in creating a better society free of modern slavery.



**Nigel Quinn, Garic Ltd Managing Director**