

## **WINVIC CONSTRUCTION LIMITED MODERN SLAVERY ACT SECTION 54 STATEMENT 2021**

### **INTRODUCTION FROM SIMON HUNT – GROUP MANAGING DIRECTOR – ON BEHALF OF WINVIC CONSTRUCTION LIMITED**

Winvic is absolutely committed to combatting slavery and human trafficking within its organisation and its supply chains and to ensuring that it does business in an ethical manner and with respect for its people and the communities in which they live. Winvic believes that this commitment will benefit its customers and other stakeholders affected by Winvic's activities. Winvic recognises, however, that it is but one link in a supply chain to the end user that is long and global. Therefore, it is essential that Winvic's suppliers also understand and appreciate the standards of business conduct that are expected of any company that does business with Winvic.

### **ORGANISATION'S STRUCTURE**

Winvic is a leading multidisciplinary contractor that delivers construction projects on a national scale within the United Kingdom, and are widely known as the UK's leading 'shed' specialist, delivering millions of square feet every year for the industrial and distribution sector. Winvic was formed in 2001 and are based in Northampton in the UK. Winvic is a privately owned business who employed 404 people January 2021.

In the year end to January 2021, Winvic Construction Limited generated sales of £659 million.

### **WINVIC'S BUSINESS**

Winvic's business covers the following key areas:

- Industrial and distribution buildings
- Fit-out – standalone and as part of a base build, including installing high value storage, complex MHE, and mechanical and electrical services
- Civil engineering, earthworks, remediation and infrastructure
- Multi-room student and residential accommodation
- Education, retail and leisure
- Commercial buildings.

## **WINVIC'S SUPPLY CHAINS**

Winvic's supply chains include:

- Agency
- Distribution
- Procurement of goods & services
- Outsourcing
- Subcontracting.

## **WINVIC'S POLICIES ON SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

Winvic is committed to ensuring that there is no modern slavery or human trafficking in its supply chains or in any part of its business.

Please see the link to [Winvic's Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking Policy](#) which reflect Winvic's commitment to acting ethically and with integrity in all its business relationships and to implementing and enforcing effective systems and controls to ensure slavery and human trafficking is not taking place anywhere in its supply chains.

Winvic's Whistleblowing Policy encourages the reporting of concerns and the protection of whistleblowers.

## **DUE DILIGENCE PROCESSES FOR SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

As part of Winvic's initiative to identify and mitigate risk it ensures that new suppliers must complete Winvic's Sub-Contractor Qualification Questionnaire prior to engagement in order to evaluate the risks of modern slavery and human trafficking. If deemed necessary, suppliers will be visited on site, and are re-audited on or around every 3 years to ensure adherence to Winvic's strict standards of ethically transparent supply chains.

All suppliers have been contacted to express Winvic's commitment to tackling modern slavery throughout our supply chains and have been provided with a copy of our Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking policy. A new clause has been added to Winvic's Standard Sub-Contract amendments and will be a condition precedent to any future sub-contractor appointments. Existing suppliers also have their Sub- Contractor Qualification audited and renewed every 3 years.

Winvic undertake checks on new recruits to ensure they are eligible to work in the UK.

Winvic is also taking steps to put in place systems to:

- Monitor potential risk areas in its supply chains.
- Standardise terms and Conditions for the supply of services from an employment business to Winvic (agency and freelance)
- Investigate Right To Work checks for anyone attending a Winvic construction site through our Biometrics system.

## **TRAINING**

As the Covid pandemic restrictions continued throughout the year, Winvic maintained a 100% level of existing staff trained and new employees trained during week 1 induction. New employees to January 2021 totalled 102 which represents a significant effort from all involved in our Covid-19 response.

The aim of the training is to ensure all our staff have a high level of understanding of the risk of modern slavery and human trafficking in Winvic's supply chain and its businesses.

## **WINVIC'S EFFECTIVENESS IN COMBATING SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

Winvic are developing the following means to measure how effective it has been to ensure that slavery and human trafficking is not taking place in any part of its businesses or supply chains:

Winvic is also taking steps to put in place systems to:

- Business function reports –
  - Winvic supplier prequalification questionnaire completed.
  - Standard subcontract amendments included.
  - Supplier renewals reviewed.
- Internal staff training and induction processes – 100% achieved.
- Winvic's suppliers are obliged to conduct due diligence and audit their own supply chains and report on the findings – All suppliers are sent the Winvic statement and Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Policy annually.
- The Winvic Construction company-wide digitalisation programme has been accelerated by the agile working practices developed during the Covid-19 pandemic. In particular our training and development platform goals will allow for e-learning for refresher and updated training and awareness modules. Our further ambition would be to extend this to our supply chain partners.

This statement is made pursuant to section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes Winvic's slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ending 2021.

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On behalf of and approved by the directors of Winvic Construction Limited  
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