CITY WEST Modern slavery statement

Organisation
This statement applies to City West Commercials Ltd (referred to in this statement as 'the Organisation'). The information included in the statement refers to the financial year 2024.

Organisational structure
The organisation is based in the United Kingdom and operates across four sites within the South West of England with its head office operating from Avonmouth, Bristol. It is primarily an automotive retailer and is a franchised Mercedes Benz Truck Sales and Truck and Van Aftersales dealer. The main activities carried out by the organisation is the sale of Mercedes Benz Trucks, FUSO Trucks, servicing and the supply of parts for both Truck and Van variants. Demand for our product is consistently high throughout the year and is therefore not seasonal. The organisation is controlled by a board of directors.

Definitions
The Organisation considers that modern slavery encompasses:

- human trafficking
- forced work, through mental or physical threat
- being owned or controlled by an employer through mental or physical abuse of the threat of abuse
- being dehumanised, treated as a commodity or being bought or sold as property
- being physically constrained or to have restriction placed on freedom of movement.

Commitment
The Organisation acknowledges its responsibilities in relation to tackling modern slavery and commits to complying with the provisions in the Modern Slavery Act 2015. The Organisation understands that this requires an ongoing review of both its internal practices in relation to its labour force and, additionally, its supply chains.

The Organisation does not enter into business with any other organisation, in the United Kingdom or abroad, which knowingly supports or is found to involve itself in slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour.

No labour provided to the Organisation in the pursuance of the provision of its own services is obtained by means of slavery or human trafficking. The Organisation strictly adheres to the standards required in relation to its responsibilities under relevant employment legislation in the United Kingdom.

Supply chains
In order to fulfil its activities, the main supply chains of the Organisation principally include those related to the supply of vehicles and parts from the manufacturer we represent.

Potential Risk/Exposure
In general, the Organisation considers its exposure to slavery/human trafficking to be relatively low. Nonetheless, it has taken steps to ensure that such practices do not take place in its business nor the business of any organisation that supplies goods and/or services to it.

Steps

City West Commercials act with integrity and ethically regarding our business relationships and activities. We are as a business committed to having a zero-tolerance approach to modern slavery and human trafficking and expect our Supply Chain along with other business partners to commit to the same.

This also includes Contractors, Employees implementing and enforcing effective systems and controls to prevent and detect all acts of exploitation, servitude and forced or compulsory labour.

Training

The Organisation also carries out training and awareness which is provided to key personnel within the business.

Key performance indicators

The Organisation has set the following key performance indicators to measure its effectiveness in ensuring modern slavery is not taking place in the Organisation or its supply chains.

- The effectiveness of the policy can be measured by the number of reports received from employees, official agencies or the public.

Policies

The Organisation has the following policies which further define its stance on modern slavery:

- Recruitment Policy – Includes eligibility to work in the UK checks
- Whistle Blowing Policy – Allows employees to report concerns without fear of reprisal
- Anti-Slavery And Human Trafficking Policy – States the organisations requirements and expectations
- Code of Conduct Policy – The organisation's code makes clear to employees the actions and behaviour expected of them when representing the organisation

Slavery Compliance Officer

The Organisation has a Slavery Compliance Officer, to whom all concerns regarding modern slavery should be addressed, and who will then undertake relevant action with regard to the Organisation's obligations.

This statement is made in pursuance of Section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and will be reviewed for each financial year.

Board Approval

The organisations board of Directors has approved this statement and will review and update it annually.

Darren Sweet
Dealer Principal
City West Commercials Ltd

Slavery Compliance Officer
Joni Cunningham
joni.cunningham@citywestcommercials.co.uk