



Modern Slavery Act Statement for the financial year 2021

Introduction

This statement, which has been approved by the Board of Directors, is made pursuant to Section 54, Part 6 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (“the Act”) and sets out the steps the Company has taken to ensure that slavery and human trafficking is not taking place in our supply chains or in any part of our business.

Our Business

Machine Mart Ltd (trading as “Machine Mart”) is a retailer of Power Tools and Machinery trading through its nationwide superstores, as well as its Telesales and website.

Our Policies on Slavery & Human Trafficking

The Company is committed to acting ethically and with integrity in all our business relationships and taking steps to ensure slavery is not taking place in any business organisation that has a business relationship with our Company.

Due Diligence Process for Slavery & Human Trafficking

As part of our initiative to identify and mitigate risk we:

- Where possible, build long standing relationships with local suppliers and make clear our expectations of business behaviour;
- Obtained written undertakings from all suppliers in order to satisfy us of their ongoing ability to comply with the Act both in regards to their own activities, and also that of their supply chain;
- Adopted an approach to ensure that any new suppliers agree to our Terms and Conditions of trading to ensure their relevance and compliance with the Act, by demonstrating the due diligence that they have undertaken within their organisation;
- Put in place systems to encourage the reporting of concerns and the protection of whistle blowers.

During 2020/21 the additional global threat presented by Covid-19 brought additional challenges for our business as well as our supply chain. We remain committed to enforcing the requirements of the Slavery Act and will continue to monitor our processes and risk identification and mitigation methods to meet our obligations.

Supply Chain

We source our products from UK based suppliers as well as European suppliers in a number of countries. In all of its dealing with these suppliers Machine Mart strive to ensure that the highest ethical standards are met.



Risk assessment

As part of this ongoing obligation, there is a requirement on these suppliers for a long term commitment to eradicate any slavery and human trafficking in their own businesses and their supply chain and asking them to confirm that they, in turn have conducted an audit on their immediate supply chain. An ongoing review of the Company's direct suppliers has resulted in no immediate concerns and so this poses minimal risk in terms of non-compliance.

Effectiveness in Combating Slavery & Human Trafficking

As part of ongoing discussions and negotiations with current as well as potential suppliers, our buyers will continue to ask questions of each supplier to ensure they are compliant with the Act.

Where required, further audits or documentary evidence will be requested from certain suppliers to ensure that they are compliant with the Act.

Training and ongoing commitment

All staff who engage with existing or potential suppliers will continue to be updated with the requirements of the Act to ensure that they are aware of how suppliers can meet their compliance, how they can play an active part in evaluating and monitoring the supply chain and to understand how they can mitigate the risks within the supply chain.

The company directors will continue to review the due diligence on an annual basis. All necessary resources will be made available to the relevant staff in order that the ethical standards of the company can be maintained.

This policy will be reviewed and updated by the Board of Directors on an annual basis.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J A Clarke". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

J A Clarke

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

Date: 9 August 2021