

## MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT

This statement is made pursuant to s.54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and sets out the steps that John Perkins Construction Ltd has taken and is continuing to take to ensure that modern slavery or human trafficking is not taking place within our business or supply chain.

Modern slavery encompasses slavery, servitude, human trafficking and forced labour. John Perkins Construction Ltd has a zero-tolerance approach to any form of modern slavery. We are committed to acting ethically and with integrity and transparency in all business dealings and to putting effective systems and controls in place to safeguard against any form of modern slavery taking place within the business or our supply chain.

### Our Business

John Perkins Construction Ltd, a Bristol-based building contractor, has an annual turnover of £9m. It operates in the Bristol, Bath and South West region and has no international operations.

### Our Policies

We operate a number of internal policies to ensure that we are conducting business in an ethical and transparent manner. These include:

1. **Equality and Diversity Policy:** We operate a robust recruitment policy, including conducting eligibility to work in the UK checks for all employees to safeguard against human trafficking or individuals being forced to work against their will.
2. **Whistleblowing Policy:** We operate a whistleblowing policy so that all employees know that they can raise concerns about how colleagues are being treated, or practices within our business or supply chain, without fear of reprisals.
3. **Code of Business Conduct:** This code explains the manner in which we behave as an organisation and how we expect our employees and suppliers to act.

### Our Suppliers

John Perkins Construction Ltd operates a supplier policy and maintains a preferred supplier list. We conduct due diligence on all suppliers before allowing them to become a preferred supplier. This due diligence includes an online search to ensure that particular organisation has never been convicted of offenses relating to modern slavery. Our anti-slavery policy forms part of our contract with all suppliers and they are required to confirm that no part of their business operations contradicts this policy.

In addition to the above and as part of our contract with suppliers, we require that they confirm to us that:

1. They have taken steps to eradicate modern slavery within their business
2. They hold their own suppliers to account over modern slavery
3. They pay their employees at least the national minimum wage
4. We may terminate the contract at any time should any instances of modern slavery come to light

## **Training**

We regularly conduct training for our procurement/buying teams so that they understand the meaning of good Corporate Social Responsibility, including eradicating Modern Slavery.

Rupert Perkins  
**Managing Director**

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Date of Policy Review: January 2022