

Modern Slavery Statement

Introduction

This statement is made pursuant to Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 for the period to 31 March 2017, and sets out the steps the VPS Group has taken, and is continuing to take, to ensure that slavery and human trafficking is not taking place in our supply chains or in any part of our business.

The statement is made by VPS (UK) Limited on behalf of its UK subsidiaries (including but not limited to VPS Site Security Limited, Redfields Landscaping & Design Limited, Lotus Landscapes Limited, Evander Glazing and Locks Limited and VPSitex NI Limited) and in its capacity as the parent company of the subsidiaries in the UK part of the VPS Group (together, the **VPS Group**).

Our business and supply chains

The VPS Group is a leading service provider for the protection of people, property and assets on a temporary or emergency basis. We offer a complete range of property protection, management and security services for vacant property, remote sites and infrastructure projects and selectively into occupied property.

We know that modern slavery, forced labour and human trafficking (together, **Modern Slavery**) is a global issue across all business sectors. We recognise our responsibility to implement and enforce effective systems and controls to ensure Modern Slavery is not taking place anywhere in our supply chains.

We use a carefully procured range of suppliers who supply goods that we sell or rent, provide services to us and our customers, and support the operations of our businesses. These include consultants and advisers, contractors, sub-contractors and third party suppliers of goods and equipment.

Our processes and policies

We have procedures in place to mitigate the risk of Modern Slavery in our supply chains. In particular, detailed due diligence is carried out on our suppliers through a robust procurement and supplier audit process.

We also have in place systems and policies to support our efforts to mitigate Modern Slavery in our wider business, including the following:

- Modern Slavery policy – the policy sets out our stance on modern slavery, and explains how employees can identify any instances of this and how to report concerns.
- Whistleblowing policy – we operate a whistleblowing policy so that all employees know that they can raise concerns about practices within our business or supply chain.
- Recruitment procedures – we operate robust recruitment procedures, including conducting eligibility to work in the UK checks for all employees to safeguard against human trafficking.

We also ensure all employees are paid, at a minimum, national legal standards, and that all employees are provided with a safe and hygienic working environment.



Our performance indicators

We will know the effectiveness of the steps that we are taking to ensure that Modern Slavery is not taking place within our business if no reports are received from employees or any other third parties that Modern Slavery practices have been identified.

The coming year

We have a zero tolerance approach to Modern Slavery, and we act ethically and with integrity in all our business relationships. During the next financial year, we will continue to identify and assess potential risk areas in our supply chains and across our wider business operations, and will act swiftly to mitigate the risk of Modern Slavery in the VPS Group.

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Ian Nisbet
Director, on behalf of VPS (UK) Limited