



## ERP UK

# Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement (Voluntary)

March 2024

ERP UK LIMITED is making a voluntary modern slavery and human trafficking statement relating to section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

We oppose slavery and human trafficking in all its forms and make this statement to set out the steps we have taken to date, and those we will be taking in the current financial year, to ensure that there is no slavery or human trafficking in our business or in our supply chains.

### ABOUT US

ERP UK is part of the Landbell Group and is the subsidiary operating in the UK.

Headquartered in Mainz (Germany), the Landbell Group is active on the European market and quickly expanding overseas. We have a unique international offering of services for:

- compliance with Extended Producer Responsibility legislation which requires the manufacturers or importers of Electrical and electronic appliances, batteries and accumulators and packaging to finance and organise the end of life of their products (collection and recycling); and
- software and consulting solutions in the Circular Economy field.

While our central and local teams have organised the treatment of millions of tons of waste, we have no recycling or transport capabilities of our own and thus partner with treatment facilities and logistic companies worldwide to serve our customers.

Through its core environmental business, the Landbell Group strives to have a positive impact on the world we live in. This includes our work for a more Circular Economy, and a strong commitment and firm position in support of Human Rights and Social Rights of workers. Modern slavery, as defined in the Modern Slavery Act 2015, may for instance include slavery, servitude, forced and compulsory labour and human trafficking.

ERP UK's annual turnover is under £30 million. Although we are not required to publish a modern slavery statement under section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act.2015, we are making this voluntary statement to show our commitment to ethical trading principles and to set out the steps we are taking to tackle modern slavery and human trafficking in our business and in our supply chains.

### SUPPLY CHAINS

ERP UK contracts with third parties to provide goods and services to fulfil its own compliance obligations and its obligations to its members and customers. In particular, ERP mainly contracts with suppliers for the following goods and services:

*waste collection operations; waste recycling operations; consultancy; office services including cleaning, security and utilities; IT equipment, software and support; marketing and design; printing; office supplies; food, drink and catering; legal services; insurance services; other professional services; recruiting; training services; accommodation and travel; couriers.*

ERP is continuously looking at ways in which it can work with all suppliers to present a united front to tackle slavery and human trafficking.



### **OUR COMMITMENT TO ETHICAL TRADING**

Modern slavery and human trafficking are complex problems, with multiple social and economic drivers. ERP UK is committed to ethical trading principles and to ensuring that its supply chains are free from human trafficking and slavery.

Preventing slavery and human trafficking is an important consideration when procuring new suppliers and renewing existing contracts. ERP UK is constantly working to identify steps it can take to ensure that no supplier in its supply chain utilises slave labour or engages (or is complicit in) human trafficking.

### **DUE DILIGENCE AND RISK ASSESSMENT**

Where ERP UK uses contract workers, it engages such workers through reputable employment agencies or businesses that are committed to compliance with the anti-slavery and human trafficking legislation.

In addition, to help identify and monitor the risk of slavery and human trafficking in our supply chain, ERP UK does the following:

- periodically audits its supply chain to ensure adherence to the Modern Slavery act;
- manages a continuous Duty of Care process to review supply chain policies on Slavery and Human Trafficking

ERP UK is also currently:

- participating in a UK waste industry forum on modern slavery aimed at raising awareness and sharing and promoting good practice in the sector;
- implementing standard terms of business to ensure all include anti-slavery and human tracking provisions which require suppliers to comply with all anti-slavery and human trafficking legislation;
- implementing a whistleblowing policy.

### **EFFECTIVENESS IN COMBATING SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

ERP UK has taken the time necessary to fully understand best practice in measuring how effective ERP UK can be at ensuring that slavery and human trafficking is not taking place in any part of our business or supply chains. The new Technical Specifications (TS.HH.001 and TS.HH.003) is now in place, and the following key performance indicators (KPIs) are amongst those being considered for inclusion in ERP UK's policies and procedures going forward:

- Available social awareness policies and procedures from approved sub-contractors;
- The number of reported breaches in the past year;
- Percentage of staff receiving training on identifying and addressing the risk of slavery and human trafficking in our business and supply chains.

### **TRAINING**

As a part of ERP UK's commitment to tackling slavery and human trafficking, ERP UK has held awareness workshops for all ERP UK staff. ERP UK will continue to look into the ways it can best prepare its staff to identify risks and manage suspected incidents of human trafficking and slavery. Training will help our employees and other staff members to ensure that ERP's suppliers are not utilising, facilitating or endorsing slave or trafficked labour.

### **REPORTING AND WHISTLEBLOWING**

ERP UK aims to foster a culture and provide a framework for employees and other staff to feel comfortable to report any concerns surrounding slavery and human trafficking in the UK and elsewhere.



If ERP UK identifies any instances of modern slavery or human trafficking in the UK, whether in its own supply chain or otherwise, it will report this to the police without delay. If a potential incident of slavery or human trafficking is identified overseas, ERP UK will take such steps as are necessary in the circumstances, considering always which approach will produce the safest outcome for potential victims.

**This statement is made pursuant to section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes ERP UK's Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement for the 2023 financial year.**

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