

## **FORTERRA PLC - MODERN SLAVERY ACT STATEMENT**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This statement is made pursuant to section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (the “Act”) and constitutes our slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ending 31st December 2017.

To comply with the Act, this Statement is published on our website(s); [www.forterrapl.c.co.uk](http://www.forterrapl.c.co.uk) and [www.forterra.co.uk](http://www.forterra.co.uk) and will be reviewed, updated and published annually.

We are proud of the steps we have taken to combat slavery and human trafficking and are committed to improving our practices.

### **ORGANISATION’S STRUCTURE**

We are a leading producer of manufactured masonry products namely, clay bricks, aircrete, aggregate blocks and bespoke products for the Construction sector. We own Forterra Building Products Limited together with its subsidiary undertakings (the “Group”). The Group has its head office is located in Northampton and we have c1800 employees at 18 facilities throughout the UK with an annual turnover of c£331m.

### **OUR BUSINESS**

Our business is organised into two distinct business units:

1. Brick and Block; and
2. Bespoke Products

### **OUR SUPPLY CHAINS**

Our supply chains include:

1. Utilities;
2. Expanded Polystyrene;
3. Cement;
4. Aggregates;
5. Steel; and
6. Pulverised Fuel Ash.

The vast majority of Forterra’s suppliers (and their supply chain) are based in the UK and as a result those products and materials are largely sourced from the UK alone. Forterra also uses suppliers both inside and outside the EU and as such recognises that some countries in its supply chain may present an increased risk of modern slavery.

In response to any risks faced by supplies sourced from the UK, as well as in the context of the risks arising from other countries, Forterra has in place various policies and procedures to tackle modern slavery in its supply chain as further set out in this Statement.

### **OUR POLICIES ON SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

We are committed to ensuring that there is no modern slavery or human trafficking in our supply chains or in any part of our business. Our Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking Policy (the “Policy”) reflects our commitment to acting ethically and with integrity in all our business relationships and to implementing and enforcing effective systems and controls to ensure slavery and human trafficking is not taking place anywhere in our supply chains.

Forterra’s standard conditions of purchase require suppliers, and relevant third parties, to comply with the Act, and our suppliers Code of Practice also includes specific provisions in relation to compliance with the Act.

In addition Forterra has its own Code of Business Conduct whereby Forterra and its employees are committed to comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

**DUE DILIGENCE PROCESSES FOR SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

In Q2 2017 we implemented a new supplier platform as referenced in our 2016 Statement. This platform now consists of 875 suppliers of which 511 have completed and passed. This figure represents over 80% of our total supplier spend, and the remaining suppliers are expected to be on the platform and fully compliant by the close of 2018. Each supplier confirms their understanding and compliance with the Act and those suppliers with a turnover exceeding £36million must evidence their own modern slavery act statement.

**OUR VALUES AND ETHICS**

We have zero tolerance approach to slavery and human trafficking in accordance with our Policy.

All of our production facilities are certified to BES 6001 – Responsible Sourcing of Construction Products which further demonstrates our commitment to ethical standards.

Forterra also has in place Whistleblowing procedures and an anonymous hotline (MySafeWorkplace) for reporting any incident of non-compliance with applicable laws and policies. To date no incidents have been reported that are in contravention of the Act and or our Policy.

**TRAINING**

To ensure a high level of understanding of the risks of modern slavery and human trafficking in our supply chains and our business, we provide training to our staff which forms part of the induction process for all new joiners.



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