

MODERN SLAVERY ACT STATEMENT 2017

Introduction

Verastar Limited (“Verastar”) published its first Modern Slavery Act Statement last year in accordance with the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (“the Act”). This is Verastar’s second Modern Slavery Act Statement which is published pursuant to section 54(1) of the Act and constitutes Verastar’s slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ending on 30 April 2017.

In accordance with the Act, this statement is published on the homepage of Verastar’s website (www.verastar.co.uk).

The term ‘modern slavery’ is broad and encapsulates two offences: slavery, servitude, forced or compulsory labour; and human trafficking. Verastar fully supports the aims and objectives of the Act and is committed to tackling all such forms of modern slavery and human trafficking in its business and supply chains where it can.

Verastar

Verastar is a provider of essential business services to small businesses including energy, water, broadband, telecommunications, insurance, marketing data and digital acquisition and directory enquiry services in the UK. We operate an extensive brand portfolio and are regulated by Ofcom, Ofgem, Ofwat and WICS (Water Industry Commissioner for Scotland). Full details of Verastar’s business and structure can be found at www.verastar.co.uk/about-us

Since the publication of our first Modern Slavery Act Statement, and over the past year, we have taken the following steps to identify and tackle modern slavery from our business and supply chain:

- drafted an anti-slavery and human trafficking policy;
- implemented processes to identify modern slavery risks in the business; and
- developed staff training on modern slavery and the risks in our business and supply chain.

Verastar is satisfied that there is a minimal risk of slavery and human trafficking taking place within the various parts of its business and the few supply chains on which it operates. We will continue to take steps to identify and assess potential risk areas and mitigate the risk of modern slavery and human trafficking and we expect all those in our supply chain and associated contractors to comply with our values.

Verastar operates a number of comprehensive workplace policies to ensure that all staff are assessed for their right to work and that wages and benefits comply with applicable and relevant government legislation. Our policies relevant to modern slavery include an Equal Opportunities Policy, Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy and Whistleblowing Policy.

Verastar continues to review and develop its policies, procedures, systems and controls to ensure ethical and legal compliance. We intend to take the following additional steps in the next financial year:

- disseminate our anti-slavery and human trafficking policy throughout the business;
- implement staff training on modern slavery;
- conduct due diligence and assessment of modern slavery risks in our supply chain;
- implement and report on key performance indicators to measure our effectiveness in tackling modern slavery and human trafficking;
- ensure that all HR policies continue to be highlighted to all employees; and

- continue to monitor the government's guidance in relation to tackling modern slavery and update our processes as applicable.

This statement was approved by the Verastar board of directors on 31 October 2017.

Signed by

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Director

Verastar Limited