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Modern Slavery Statement for Financial Year ended 2023

Modern Slavery and Human trafficking are a crime and a gross violation of human rights. Modern Slavery can be in many forms including but not limited to: forced labour, child labour, exploitation, being sold or treated as a commodity and having restrictions on freedom of movement.

Bechtle have a zero tolerance approach to modern slavery and are fully committed to preventing slavery and human trafficking in our corporate activities, we are committed to acting ethically and with integrity in all our business dealings.

Bechtle are a leading provider to corporate and public sector organisations supplying software licensing, workplace technology, datacentre infrastructure, networking and security. We do not directly develop or manufacture products or software but can partner with third-party organisations for these requirements.

We work with hundreds of hardware and software suppliers and manufacturers to bring the best, most cutting edge hardware and software solutions to our customers. We have also teamed up with specialist service providers to complement our in house team.

Codes and Policies.

All new employees are subject to pre-employment checks to confirm their identity and right to work in the UK. Information is provided to employees on their statutory rights including sick pay, holiday pay and all other benefits that they may be entitled to.

We have a code of conduct that is mandatory to all individuals working for Bechtle. The code details the expectations Bechtle have for all employees, including commitment, integrity and trust across all areas of the business and supply chain.

Our Equality and Diversity Policy states that neither managers, associates nor any others acting on behalf of Bechtle will practice any form of unfair discrimination against each other, our customers or suppliers.

Action taken if modern slavery, human trafficking or child labor is suspected

With regard to the question: If modern slavery, human trafficking or child labour is suspected within our supply chain, we would immediately suspend operations with the suspected party and escalate to highest point within the organisation. We would commission an independent investigation into the case and take appropriate action based on the outcome. If corroborated evidence was forthcoming, Bechtle would have no hesitation in completely removing the entity from our supply chain and making the relevant authorities aware. Simultaneously we would seek to mitigate any customer impact through proactive engagement with an alternative route of supply to minimise the impact of any such case.

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Continued Training and Further steps in 2024

- Suppliers who provide products/services for our own business use will be required to confirm support of the Supplier Code of Conduct.
- A questionnaire confirming support of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 will be completed by all new suppliers.
- Training will be given to all new employees on the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

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JAMES NAPP
MANAGING DIRECTOR
For and on behalf of
Bechtle Direct Ltd

9th February 2023