



# MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING STATEMENT

## Structure

William Jackson Food Group is a sixth-generation family business. The group owns five subsidiary food companies; Abel & Cole, Aunt Bessie's, Jacksons Bakery, MyFresh Prepared Produce and The Food Doctor. These subsidiaries supply consumers, leading supermarkets, food service businesses and food manufacturers nationwide and abroad with a range of organic and non-organic food products.

The Group is head-quartered in Kingston Upon Hull, East Yorkshire and all manufacturing sites are based in England. The annual turnover of the group companies is £315m.

## Our Values

Our values underpin every aspect of our business, and consist of consideration, people, integrity, boldness, openness and commitment. We strive to be a business to be proud of and feel that a community should be a better place for having one of our businesses in it.

## Policy Statement

In line with our values, we are committed to ensuring that there is no modern slavery or human trafficking taking place in any part of our group, or the suppliers we deal with. This 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 no slavery or human trafficking exists anywhere in our supply chains.

## Training and Awareness

We will work with the Stronger2gether programme, the Gangmasters Licensing Authority and Association of Labour Providers to ensure all colleagues receive the appropriate level of training to raise awareness of modern slavery and human trafficking, and the knowledge to address any related issues which may arise.

We aim to encourage openness and will support anyone who raises genuine concerns in good faith under this policy, even if they turn out to be mistaken. We are committed to ensuring no one suffers any detrimental treatment as a result of reporting in good faith their

suspicion that modern slavery of whatever form is or may be taking place in any part of our own business or in any of our supply chains.

Detrimental treatment includes dismissal, disciplinary action, threats or other unfavourable treatment connected with raising a concern.

Colleagues will be reminded of the Group Whistle-blowing Policy as the primary method of reporting any suspicions or evidence of slavery or human trafficking.

The Company will accept and take seriously concerns communicated anonymously

The Company encourages members of the public or people not employed by us to write, in confidence, to the Company Secretary or the Group HR Director to raise any concern, issue or suspicion of modern slavery in any part of our business or related supply chain.

## **Supply Chain Management**

We will take action to address any evidence of slavery or human trafficking in any of our supply chains. In order to effect this we will:

- Conduct audit-able risk assessments to determine which parts of our business and which of our suppliers are most at risk of modern slavery so that efforts can be focused on those areas.
- Engage with our suppliers both to convey to them our Anti-Slavery Policy and to gain an understanding of the measures taken by them to ensure modern slavery is not occurring in their businesses.
- Where appropriate, as informed by our risk assessment, seek to introduce supplier pre-screening (for example as part of our tender process) and self-reporting for our suppliers on safeguarding controls.
- Introduce contractual provisions for our suppliers to confirm their adherence to this policy and accept our right to audit their activities and (where practicable) relationships, both routinely and at times of reasonable suspicion.
- We are active members of the Supplier Ethical Data Exchange (Sedex) and encourage all of our suppliers to engage with organisations such as Sedex or the Ethical Trade Initiative (ETI) that promote the core conventions of the UN's International Labour Organisation.

## **Responsibility for the Policy**

Ultimate responsibility for the prevention of modern slavery rests with the Company's leadership. The Group Management Board has overall responsibility for ensuring this policy and its implementation comply with our legal, moral and ethical obligations.

Leaders at all levels are responsible for ensuring those reporting to them understand and comply with this policy and are given adequate and regular training on it and the issue of modern slavery.

## **Compliance and Review**

This policy has had compliance input from the following departments and external sources; Legal, Sustainability, Communications, Human Resources, Procurement.

Following its initial adoption this policy will be kept under regular review by the Group Management Board and may be amended from time to time. This policy will be used to inform our Statement on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking which will be published no later than the publication of our 2016 financial results.