



# MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING STATEMENT

## FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 28 APRIL 2018

**This statement is made in accordance with Section 54, Part 6 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015. It constitutes our modern slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ended 28 April 2018.**

### **Structure**

William Jackson Food Group is a sixth-generation family business. The group owns a portfolio of five food businesses; Abel & Cole, Jacksons Bakery, MyFresh Prepared Produce, Wellocks and The Food Doctor. These businesses supply consumers, leading supermarkets, food service businesses and food manufacturers nationwide and abroad with a range of organic and non-organic food products. In addition, the group owns a pub, The Ferguson Fawsitt Arms which also includes accommodation and a coffee shop.

The Group is head-quartered in Kingston Upon Hull, East Yorkshire and all manufacturing sites are based in England. We employ around 1,900 people within the group and generate annual turnover of c£250m.

The group sources over 7,000 different ingredients and packaging from c.1400 suppliers from both the UK and overseas, together with c.750 suppliers for indirect goods and services.

### **Our Values**

Our values underpin every aspect of our business, and consist of take pride, do the right thing and be the difference. 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**

We are committed to eradicating all instances of modern slavery or human trafficking taking place in any part of our group, or the suppliers we deal with. This statement 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.

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.

### **Training and Awareness**

We are working with the Stronger2gether programme to ensure all relevant 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.

Through our training programme and procedures, 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.

We 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 People Director to raise any concern, issue or suspicion of modern slavery in any part of our business or related supply chain.

### **Prevention Within Our Business and Supply Chain**

We will take action to address any evidence of slavery or human trafficking. We will undertake the following activity in order to assess and manage such risks within our business and supply chain:

- Conduct 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 stance on modern slavery 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.
- Our supplier approval process requires 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.

This statement has been reviewed and approved by the Management Board of William Jackson Food Group Limited on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018.

Signed



Norman Soutar

Chief Executive Officer

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018