

ANTI-BRIBERY POLICY

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The Company expressly prohibits employees from offering, promising, giving, or requesting, agreeing to receive or receiving any financial or other advantage to another person or business with the intention of gaining an improper financial or other advantage.

All employees have a responsibility to prevent, detect and report all instances of bribery.

If you are offered any gift or hospitality you should not accept it without approval from us.

In your employment with the Company you should never offer a gift or hospitality to a customer, supplier or other person with the intention of gaining a business advantage. Any business gifts or invitations to hospitality events that are issued must always be agreed in advance.

Acts of bribery and/or corruption will always be taken seriously and has severe consequences for you and the Company. You have a duty to disclose any concerns about bribery (or any other unlawful activity) whether in relation to other staff members, contractors or yourself. You should report your concerns in confidence, to the Company as soon as practicable.

If you are found to have accepted or given any bribe, this may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. This may also lead to criminal investigation and potential prison sentence and fine for those found guilty of bribery in addition to potential fines the Company.

POLICY STATEMENT

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PROCEDURE

The Company will:

- carry out a risk assessment to ascertain the risk of bribery
- instigate procedures proportionate to that risk
- have good internal controls and record-keeping
- secure the commitment of all employees to the prevention and detection of bribery
- develop a culture in which bribery is unacceptable
- undertake due diligence procedures proportionate to the assessed risk of bribery
- effectively communicate the anti-bribery policy to all employees
- train all employees to recognise bribery so that they can avoid it and be alert to possible instances of bribery
- have clear procedures on what to do should bribery be suspected

- train all employees so that they are aware of what to do should they discover a possible instance of bribery
- monitor and review the effectiveness of the bribery procedures and update them as necessary to ensure that they remain effective

Anyone who has concerns regarding acts or potential acts of bribery should speak to their line Manager in the first instance. If for any reason you are not able to speak to your line Manager, you should contact the HR Officer (acting as Anti-Bribery Officer).

All reports will be treated in confidence, however if appropriate concerns can be reported anonymously.

The Company expressly prohibits employees from offering, promising, giving, or requesting, agreeing to receive or receiving any financial or other advantage to another person or business with the intention of gaining an improper financial or other advantage.

The Company expressly prohibits the bribing of a UK or foreign public official in order to obtain or retain business or an advantage in the conduct of business.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Employees who are involved in purchases made for the business have a responsibility to declare any potential conflicts of interests to the company. For example, if an employee has any relationship with an individual or organisation supplying goods or services to the company, they have a responsibility to declare this and such purchases must be authorised by someone else in the company with the authorisation to do so i.e. the Office Administrator or a Director. If you need further clarification regarding this you should discuss this with your line manager or Human Resources.

HOSPITALITY AND BUSINESS GIFTS

Reasonable and proportionate hospitality, advertising, sponsorship and promotional or other similar business expenditure is recognised as an established and important part of doing business, however, hospitality, promotional and similar business expenditure can be used as bribes.

The Company expressly prohibits the giving and receiving of hospitality/business gifts and similar where the intention in doing so is to receive or confer an advantage in return for giving or receiving the hospitality/business gift or similar.

The following rules must be followed in relation to hospitality and business gifts:

- all offers of business gifts should be referred to and agreed to by the anti-bribery officer
- business gifts should not be made without the permission of the anti-bribery officer
- a record of all business gifts made and received and the reason for the gift should be retained
- all hospitality must be proportionate and reasonable and in line with the Company's hospitality policy; guidance should be sought from the anti-bribery officer as to whether the planned hospitality is proportionate and reasonable
- records should be maintained of all hospitality provided and accepted, including cost and reason for providing or accepting the hospitality
- quid pro quo arrangements are expressly prohibited
- cash gifts are expressly prohibited
- the provision or acceptance of entertainment of a sexual nature is expressly prohibited

- acceptable hospitality and entertaining may include modest meals with people with whom the Company do business (such as providing a modest lunch after a meeting) or the occasional provision of or attendance at sporting or cultural events, provided that the intention is to build business relationships rather than to receive or confer an advantage
- the provision of small promotional gifts, such as diaries, pens or similar, will generally be regarded as acceptable
- employees reviewing expense claims should be alert to the provision of hospitality/business gifts that may be construed as a bribe
- all concerns should be reported

Where you develop or seek to develop new avenues for business or new contracts, or where the nature of the business changes, you should inform your line Manager of this in order that due diligence and a risk assessment of the circumstances can be undertaken.

Where a business relationship with an external party is sought or newly established, or the nature of the relationship is changed, appropriate due diligence must be exercised to ensure that there are no circumstances giving rise to a concern. That external party must also be made aware of this anti-bribery policy.

The Company expressly prohibits facilitation payments of any sort. Any employee placed under pressure to make a facilitation payment should refer the matter to the anti-bribery officer immediately.

The Company expressly prohibits the giving of donations to political parties.

Any charitable donation must be consistent with Company policies on charitable giving and with the knowledge and consent of the anti-bribery officer and/or managing director.

PENALTIES

The penalties for breaching the provisions of the Bribery Act 2010 include unlimited fines for the Company, imprisonment and unlimited fines for individuals.

Failure to follow these procedures may result in formal disciplinary action being taken against you, as set out in our disciplinary procedure.

Signed:

Date:


Wilbert Moore
Managing Director

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