

# MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT

September 2024

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Ricardo plc is committed to meeting its obligations as a leading supplier to its clients including those obligations in respect of Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking and Child Labour as laid out in the UK Modern Slavery Act 2015 and equivalent legislation in other countries where we operate. The Group does not tolerate modern slavery, human trafficking or child labour practices within any part of its business or in any part of its supply chain.

The Group's activities and business models are described in the Strategic Report within the most recent Report and Accounts.

The Group and its Business Units consider that they operate with a low risk of these activities for the following reasons:

- The largest cost in the business is the cost of our own employees, where we have clearly defined values and policies to respect all staff, act with integrity and treat them fairly as summarised in our Code of Conduct, Supplier Code of Conduct and Human Rights policy, which have been communicated to all active suppliers. These are published on our website.
- We assess country risk using the Global Slavery Index. We have few employees in higher risk countries, the majority of our employees being in low-risk countries.
- The countries where we purchase materials vary, but the majority are deemed low risk, however we assess risk and make selected enquiries as part of our sustainable procurement policy and processes.
- The countries where we purchase services are largely those where we operate and include things such as utilities where we have limited control over the supplier selection and property leases. We will be undertaking additional reviews and risk assessments in FY 2024/25.

The Group has modern slavery and human trafficking related training for key employees. All new employees joining the company, as part of their induction, and all other employees are required to take Code of Conduct training on an annual basis which incorporates modern slavery and human rights. Training will be verified and recorded.

Our key performance indicator is based on identification of material concerns or material breaches of policy. There were no material concerns identified or reported material breaches of policy in FY 2023/24.

The statement and the risks will be reviewed annually in the light of good practice, operating experience and current risk profile.

**Graham Ritchie**

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