# Mitsubishi Electric Europe B.V.

# ANTI-SLAVERY & HUMAN TRAFFICKING POLICY STATEMENT for the financial year ended 31st March 2023

#### Our Policy:

#### Policies in relation to anti-slavery and human trafficking

This document constitutes our modern slavery and human trafficking statement, as required by section 54(1) of the UK's Modern Slavery Act 2015.

We have a zero tolerance policy with regard to modern slavery and human trafficking, and are committed to monitoring, developing and improving our operations to combat slavery and human trafficking.

We seek to ensure there is no modern slavery, human trafficking or other abuse of human rights in our business operations or in any of our supply chains.

As a member of the Mitsubishi Electric Corporation group of companies, we apply the Mitsubishi Electric Group Human Rights Policy<sup>1</sup> and Mitsubishi Electric Group Code of Conduct<sup>2</sup>. These include our continuing commitment to respect international standards related to human rights and to respect the law, to act with highest integrity, and always to conduct ourselves with respect for human rights.

Mitsubishi Electric Corporation, and it's UK group businesses, have an internal and external whistleblowing system in place. This includes protection for whistleblowers. Implications in terms of modern slavery can be brought via this system.

#### **Our Organisation's structure**

Mitsubishi Electric Europe B.V. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Mitsubishi Electric Corporation (based in Japan).

Our UK business operations include:

- sales and marketing of Mitsubishi Electric air conditioning, heating, cooling and ventilation products and services, automation and control products and services, automotive parts, lift and escalator systems and services;
- supply of goods and services to the power engineering sector, including supply of gas insulated switchgear systems and wind turbine switchgear and associated R&D activity;
- purchase of materials and products within Europe.

As of 31st March 2023, we employ 752 staff in the UK and our annual turnover to 31st March 2023 in the UK was approximately £371.2 million.

#### **Our Supply Chains**

All raw materials and components are sourced from supply partners, both domestically and internationally, in compliance with Mitsubishi Electric Corporation's "CSR Procurement Policy"<sup>3</sup>.

Our principal supplier of goods and services is our parent company Mitsubishi Electric Corporation. We also buy goods and services from other Mitsubishi Electric group companies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Mitsubishi Electric Group Human Rights Policy

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See <u>Mitsubishi Electric Group Code of Conduct (English language version)</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Mitsubishi Electric Group CSR Procurement Policy

We may source other goods and services to meet our business needs - whether for onward supply to our customers in conjunction with our supply of Mitsubishi Electric goods and services.

Our UK terms and conditions of purchase include Corporate Social Responsibility compliance undertakings from the supplier to apply policies to ensure the supplier and any sub-contractor to the supplier:

- do not permit any slavery or human trafficking in its business or supply chain and to take all reasonable steps to ensure no slavery or human trafficking takes place in its business or supply chain;
- respect ILO (International Labour Organisation) Conventions protecting children and young workers and never use child labour; and
- never use any forced or bonded labour or involuntary prison labour;
- never mistreat or abuse their workers.

Mitsubishi Electric Corporation have been seeking consent from suppliers to agreement on initiatives for social issues including human rights issues. In addition, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation have continued to promote efforts and give instruction to understand human rights violation risks by suppliers (i.e., forced labour using foreign labourers, dangerous and hazardous labour).

## **Due Diligence Processes**

• Procurement of goods or services from Mitsubishi Electric Corporation or a member of its group of companies (together "Mitsubishi Electric Group Supplier"):

We rely on each Mitsubishi Electric Group Supplier's own due diligence processes for risk assessment and verification and its contractual compliance requirements as applicable to its sub-contractors to support compliance within the procurement supply chain.

As part of these processes, Mitsubishi Electric Europe B.V. and Mitsubishi Electric Group Supplier each apply:

- (i) the Mitsubishi Electric Group Human Rights Policy: This confirms that protection of human rights and support for internationally agreed human rights are imperatives for the Mitsubishi Electric Group's business activities. Accordingly, as members of the Group, we recognize our duty to prevent any complicity with human rights violations. Our policy commitment includes the following:
- The Mitsubishi Electric Group recognises that, as a minimum, it must respect international standards related to human rights, such as the International Bill of Human Rights and the International Labour Organisation's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work. On that basis, we shall respect human rights while making sure to adequately understand relevant laws and regulations in every country and region where we do business. If such laws and regulations do not conform to international standards related to human rights, we shall consult with local authorities on how to properly handle cases involving human rights in order to respect the international standards.
- Based on the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the
  Mitsubishi Electric Group shall undertake human rights due diligence measures, such as
  specifying and assessing the impact of its business activities on human rights, and studying
  ways of proactively preventing or mitigating any negative impact of those activities.
  Furthermore, the Group shall put a framework in place for rectifying any cases in which its
  business activities are found to have negatively impacted human rights, or its members are
  found to have been clearly involved in violations of human rights.
- The Mitsubishi Electric Group has identified materialities, has set concrete tasks and goals for those materialities, and works to achieve them, and, through that process, takes steps to ascertain the status of its initiatives related to respect for human rights, and properly discloses its findings.

- The Mitsubishi Electric Group shall work to ensure that its initiatives related to respect for human rights are implemented with the participation of all executives and employees.
   Furthermore, the Group shall request cooperation from various stakeholders involved in its whole value chains such as business activities, products, and services, in order to help promote respect for human rights in society at large.
- The Mitsubishi Electric Group shall implement training programs and awareness campaigns
  on a continuous basis for the purpose of ensuring that all executives and members of the
  Group understand initiatives related to respect for human rights, and conduct themselves
  accordingly.
- (ii) the Mitsubishi Electric Group Code of Conduct states:

# **Respect for Human Rights:**

- "1. We respect human rights and ensure we adequately understand relevant laws and regulations of the countries and regions in which we conduct business. We strive not to violate any human rights.
- 2. We request cooperation from various stakeholders involved in the whole value chains of our business activities, products and services to help promote respect for human rights in society at large.
- 3. If we receive and complaint or consultation regarding human rights from various stakeholders, or if we see or hear any behaviour that infringes human rights from various stakeholders, or if we see or hear any behaviour that infringes upon human rights in Mitsubishi Electric Group activities, we promptly contact the department in charge so that measures can be taken to resolve it."

#### During the term:

- the Mitsubishi Electric Group assessed and evaluated the impact on human rights related to the Group's corporate activities for a material number of sites, including Mitsubishi Electric group offices and affiliated companies both in Japan and internationally;
- Mitsubishi Electric Corporation conducted various training courses for employees involved in sustainability at offices of Mitsubishi Electric Corporation and at affiliated companies in Japan;
- Mitsubishi Electric Corporation has continued to review the functionality of the Technical Intern Training Programme across the Mitsubishi Electric Group and that it is operating in compliance with the Mitsubishi Electric Group Code of Conduct; and
- Mitsubishi Electric Group has provided an e-learning programme to a majority of employees of Mitsubishi Electric Corporation and its affiliated companies in Japan.

Mitsubishi Electric Corporation has a continuing programme for the evaluation of the sustainability initiatives of "business partners" (i.e., third party suppliers). Mitsubishi Electric Corporation's policy is to evaluate all new suppliers.

# **Human Rights Impact Assessment**

As part of human rights due diligence required by the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the Mitsubishi Electric Group periodically carries out "Human Rights Impact Assessments" in order to assess the impact of the Group's business activities on human rights.

In 2021, Mitsubishi Electric Group carried out the second "Human Rights Impact Assessment" of Mitsubishi Electric, affiliates in Japan, and overseas affiliates, covering a total of 417 sites.

In addition, Mitsubishi Electric Group added a "Human Rights" category to the "General Control Self-Check," in which risks that may have material impact on management are inspected based on the decisions made by the Board of Directors. Mitsubishi Electric Group also checked the status of progress of the "Human Rights Impact Assessment."

# **RBA**

In order to enhance the objectivity and transparency of the Mitsubishi Electric Group's human rights initiatives, in February 2022 we joined the Responsible Business Alliance (RBA), an alliance that promotes corporate social responsibility in the global supply chains. We commit to progressively align our own operations with the provisions of the RBA Code of Conduct, to promote continuous improvement of our sustainability efforts. This membership continues throughout 2023.

#### Procurement of goods and services from third party suppliers

We apply a proportionate approach to our due diligence processes for risk assessment and verification with regard to slavery and human trafficking.

For our risk assessment we take into account the relevant products, components, packaging materials and services, production location and supply chain data.

We also take into account a supplier's self-declaration of compliance and any compliance policy and/or other compliance representations.

Should we identify any higher risk supplier then we would consider deeper verification processes to assess compliance and for remedy of any non-compliance.

#### During the term:

- Mitsubishi Electric Corporation have continued to issue its suppliers and procurement partners with consent forms for the CSR Procurement Guidelines, these ask for information pertaining to understanding and mitigating serious human rights risks in the supply chain (forced labor of foreign laborers, dangerous or hazardous labour, etc.);
- In addition to the investigations in progress as a result of responses to the consent forms, we apply an additional check sheet to discern the existence of human rights violations, and conduct activities aimed toward mitigating those issues;
- The CSR Procurement Guidelines were established in 2018 based on the RBA Code of Conduct (Version 7 .0) that was formulated and announced by the Responsible Business Alliance. To verify our suppliers' commitment to promoting the content of the guidelines, a consent form is attached to the last page of the guidelines.

#### Requests to Suppliers

Suppliers to the Mitsubishi Electric Group are requested to gain an understanding of the Group's Purchasing Policy and CSR Procurement Policy, and to disseminate these policies to their supply chain. They are especially requested to thoroughly comply with the points, which the Group has identified as priority issues to be addressed through the entire procurement supply chain. Additionally, new suppliers are asked to submit their agreement to comply with the CSR Procurement Policy and a completed survey form upon reading and understanding the guidelines.

# Key performance indicators to measure effectiveness of steps being taken, and Training on modern slavery and human trafficking

Every Mitsubishi Electric Europe B.V. employee receives a copy of the Mitsubishi Electric Group Code of Conduct, and must conform to those Guidelines and with all applicable laws.

We have briefed our purchasing staff with regard to the requirements of the legislation, our corporate policies and this Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement.

Company-wide periodic eLearning training based upon the UK Modern Slavery Act 2015, is conducted, and all UK staff are compelled to partake in such training.

In addition, outside of the UK, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation have been conducting a sustainability-related eLearning program that includes themes on human rights for employees of Mitsubishi Electric and domestic affiliated companies.

Mitsubishi Electric Corporation will continue raising employee awareness of human rights within the Mitsubishi Electric Group.

#### **UK Statutory Compliance**

This statement outlines the steps we have taken during the past year to seek to ensure that slavery and human trafficking is not taking place (i) in any of our supply chains, and (ii) in any part of our own business.

This statement is approved by our Board of Directors and constitutes our slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 as required by section 54(1) of the UK's Modern Slavery Act 2015 for 'Transparency in supply chains etc.'.

This statement is for publication on our website. Our website's homepage carries a prominent link to this statement.

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