



# ANTI-SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING POLICY 2015 - 2016

As a Group, Spire Automotive maintains relationships with many different organisations in its supply chain, as well as employing directly large numbers of people. In the light of the general law on employment and human rights, and, more specifically, the Modern Slavery Act 2015, we have reviewed our existing compliance and risk management processes to determine to what extent measures already exist, and what further measures may be required to prevent slavery and human trafficking taking place in any part of our businesses or in our supply chains. The policy below underpins our approach, and will be used to inform our Statement on Slavery and Human Trafficking to be published next year.

Spire Automotive has adopted a statement of our corporate value on the prevention of modern slavery and human trafficking. The value statement governs all our business dealings and the conduct of all persons or organisations with whom we contract directly or who we appoint to act on our behalf.

We expect all or who have, or seek to have, a business relationship with Spire Automotive and/or any member of our Group, to familiarise themselves with our anti-slavery value and to act at all times in a way which is consistent with our anti-slavery value.

## **SPIRE AUTOMOTIVE ANTI-SLAVERY VALUE**

As part of our culture of good governance for good business, at Spire Automotive we operate to a set of core values which reflect our relationships with our principal stakeholder groups: customers, manufacturers, shareholders, suppliers and team members. We adopt a behavioural value for all our business relationships, reflecting our attitude to the exploitation of individuals in any form, and more particularly the offences under the Modern Slavery Act 2015. We are committed to opposing modern slavery in all its forms and pre-venting it by whatever means we can. We demand the same attitude of all who work for us and expect it of all with whom we have business dealings.

Our attitude to modern slavery is: zero tolerance.

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## **1. PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY**

- 1.1 Modern slavery is a criminal offence under the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (the "Act"). Modern slavery can occur in various forms, including servitude, forced or compulsory labour and human trafficking, all of which have in common the deprivation of a person's liberty by another in order to exploit them for personal or commercial gain. This document sets out the policy of Spire Automotive (the "Company") with the aim of the prevention of opportunities for modern slavery to occur within its businesses or supply chain. This policy's use of the term "modern slavery" has the meaning given in the Act.
- 1.2 As a Group, we have a zero-tolerance approach to modern slavery. We are committed to acting ethically and with integrity in all our business dealings and relationships and to implementing and enforcing effective systems and controls to ensure modern slavery is not taking place anywhere in our own businesses or those of our suppliers.

## **2. STEPS FOR THE PREVENTION OF MODERN SLAVERY**

- 2.1 We are committed to ensuring there is transparency in our own business and in our approach to tackling modern slavery throughout our supply chains, consistent with our disclosure obligations under the Modern Slavery Act 2015. We expect the same high standards from all of our contractors, suppliers and other business partners, and we are evolving and updating our contracting processes to include specific prohibitions against the use of forced,



compulsory or trafficked labour, or anyone held in slavery or servitude, whether adults or children We expect our suppliers to hold their own suppliers to the same high standards.

- 2.2 All team members have an obligation to familiarise themselves with our procedures to help in the identification and prevention of modern slavery and to conduct business in a manner such that the opportunity for and incidence of modern slavery is prevented. Adherence to this policy forms part of all team members' obligations under their contract of employment.
- 2.3 Whilst recognising our statutory obligation to set out the steps we have taken to ensure that modern slavery and human trafficking is not taking place in our supply chains, we acknowledge that we do not control the conduct of individuals and organisations in our supply chains. To underpin our compliance with practical steps, we intend to implement the following measure:
  - 2.4 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;
    - (i) 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;
    - (ii) 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;
    - (iii) 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.
- 2.5 From financial year 2016 we will include in the directors' report accompanying our annual financial statements a reference to the Company's Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement, which will be presented on our website during the course of 2016.

### 3. RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE POLICY

- 3.1 Ultimate responsibility for the prevention and prevention of modern slavery rests with the Company's leadership. The board of directors of the Company has overall responsibility for ensuring this policy and its implementation comply with our legal and ethical obligations.
- 3.2 Team 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.

### 4. SAFEGUARDS

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. The Company will accept and take seriously concerns communicated anonymously.

However, retention of anonymity does render investigations and validation more difficult and can make the process less effective. Individuals are therefore encouraged to put their names to allegations.

Any claims or allegations made which are found to be malicious or vexatious will result in disciplinary action being

taken against the individual.

## 5. COMMUNICATION AND AWARENESS OF THIS POLICY

Our zero-tolerance approach to modern slavery must be communicated to all suppliers, contractors and business partners at the outset of our business relationship with them and reinforced as appropriate thereafter.

### **DIRECT COMMUNICATION**

The company encourages members of the public or people not employed by us to write, in confidence to the Managing Director or the Group Human Resources Manager at Watford Audi to raise any concern, issue or suspicion of modern slavery in any part of our business or supply chain

## 6. REVIEW

Following its initial adoption, this Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking Policy will be reviewed by the Company's Board of Directors on a regular basis (at least annually) and may be amended from time to time. This Policy will be used to inform our Statement on Slavery and Human Trafficking which will be published no later than the publication of our 2016 financial results.

Recommend for adoption by the Board

Date of Adoption: 26 November 2015

Next Review: November 2016