

**PAUL HARTMANN PTY LIMITED** 

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#### 1. Introduction

This statement describes the steps taken by Paul Hartmann Pty Limited to assess and address the risks of modern slavery including human trafficking, child labour, forced labour, slavery, servitude, debt bondage, and deceptive recruiting for labour or services in our business and in our supply chain.

This Modern Slavery Statement has been developed by, and is published by, Paul Hartmann Pty Limited (ABN 35 000 099 589) in accordance with Modern Slavery Act 2018. This statement relates to the calendar year ending 31 December 2024 and sets out the approach taken by us to prevent modern slavery in our operations and supply chains.

### 2. Reporting Entity (criteria 1)

This is a single statement of Paul Hartmann Pty Limited (ABN 35 000 099 589) pursuant to the Australian Modern Slavery Act 2018.

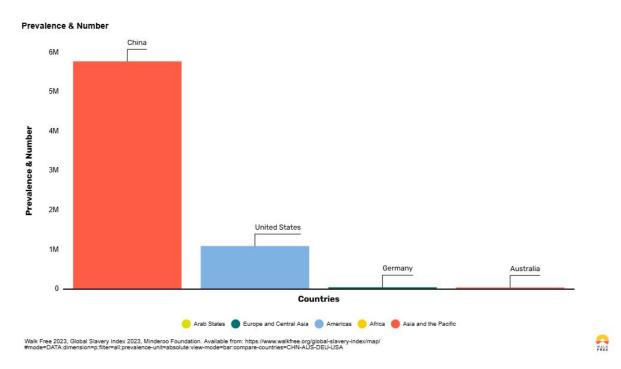
### 3. Structure, Operations, and Supply Chain (criteria 2)

With over 200 years of experience, HARTMANN is a leading provider of healthcare solutions in Australia and around the world. We are known for our commitment to quality and care, delivering innovative products and solutions to hospitals, clinics, and homes. We believe that health can empower people to make a positive difference in the world.

HARTMANN's product portfolio is across its three business areas of Wound Management, Incontinence Management and Skin Care. Our direct suppliers of products and service are located in Germany, China, USA and Australia and we distribute products nationally through our 3<sup>rd</sup> party logistics provider.



### 4. Risk in Supply Chain and Operations (criteria 3)



#### **HARTMANN** Australia

HARTMANN Australia conducts its operations with integrity and honesty. The principles are embodied in the Code of Conduct, which establishes the guidelines for the behaviour of HARTMANN Australia employees. Every employee at HARTMANN Australia is required to respect and comprehend applicable laws, the Code of Conduct, and relevant Group and company policies and procedures. The risk of modern slavery practices within HARTMANN is low due to the fact that employees are hired directly, and frequent evaluations are conducted to verify that our working conditions and remuneration match regulatory standards.

#### Warehousing and Logistics Provider in Australia

Our warehousing and logistics supplier in Australia has a large owner-driver network in addition to subcontractors, agencies, and external suppliers located primarily nearby to capital cities, with a small portion located in regional locations. The risk is that our supplier's employees are not specifically trained to recognize, assess, and respond to modern slavery issues. Nonetheless, the Compliance team is aware of key risks that could raise the possibility of modern slavery. In these instances, their Compliance team would bring the matter to the attention of the management board and employees, and the relevant investigations would be carried out in every state.

As of present now, the supplier does not formally check all of its suppliers for violations of human rights or modern slavery in its supply chains. They are fully aware, meanwhile, of the plan to put in place a formal screening process tailored to these tasks. They can execute change more successfully and have a deeper comprehension of procedures, which lowers the



overall risk of modern slavery. In order to prevent any problems related to modern slavery, our 3PL service provider seeks to reduce the use of labor hire services and, whenever feasible, utilize only licensed suppliers.

#### Manufacturer in China

One of our wound care product manufacturers is in China, which lacks modern slavery legislation that prohibits servitude. However, regulations linked to forced employment can be found in article 244 of the Criminal Law, which prohibits forcing anyone to work by depriving them of their personal freedom. According to the 2023 Global Slavery Index, an estimated 5.8 million people in China were subjected to modern slavery on any given day in 2021. Our supplier does not employ subcontractors for recruitment, has independent whistleblower protection, and conducts ongoing screening and evaluation to ensure compliance with the People's Republic of China's Labour Law. However, the organization has no team or individual responsible for monitoring modern slavery risks, and its employees are not trained to identify, assess, and address modern slavery issues.

#### Manufacturer in the United States

In the United States, the prevalence of modern slavery is among the lowest in the Americas, but the projected total number of persons enslaved is the largest in the area. Discrimination against migrants and minority groups contributes significantly to vulnerability. Our supplier in the United States has confirmed that their operations conform with US employment standards such as U.S. and State of Ohio Business regulations, and they have moderate visibility over their supply chain. They do not, however, have a responsible person or team in place to constantly monitor the dangers of modern slavery, as well as a policy, training, or independent whistleblower system in place to combat modern slavery, which may result in limited visibility into their operations and supply chains.

#### **Manufacturer in Germany**

Our main supplier of incontinence, wound care, and skin care products in Germany has a Policy Statement (German Supply Chain Act), Code of Conduct, and Supplier Onboarding Process in place to guarantee that the company complies with legislation such as German Labour Law. Furthermore, the organization has a designated team to supervise modern slavery risks, and staff are trained on how to recognize, analyze, and respond to modern slavery.

# 5. Actions to Assess Risks (criteria 4)

#### **Annual questionnaires**

Issuing an annual Modern Slavery Statement Questionnaire to important suppliers, track completion, and follow up for further information as needed.

#### **Monitoring existing suppliers**



Monitoring current suppliers' social responsibility, which includes human rights, discrimination, workforce disputes, and health and safety concerns. We rely on continuous analysis, monitoring, and risk-based approach.

#### Verifying new supplier

Assessing new suppliers' compliance with social responsibility standards concerning workplace conflicts, human rights, discrimination, and health and safety issues.

#### **Mandatory clause in contracts**

Including modern slavery model clauses in all contracts with suppliers to prevent and address modern slavery risks.

### 6. Actions to Address Risks (criteria 4)

#### **Code of Conduct**

Our Code of Conduct applies to all HARTMANN employees and establishes the expectations of employee behavior.

#### **Wistleblower Policy**

HARTMANN Australia has a Whistleblower Policy, which allows employees to submit issues directly with the Global Compliance Management process. HARTMANN Australia encourages its employees and other relevant disclosers to feel comfortable raising concerns by providing them with access to an objective and confidential reporting and inquiry procedure in which they are protected from reprisal.

#### **Ethical Sourcing and Modern Slavery Policy**

This policy applies to all HARTMANN Australia employees in any capacity, including contractors, consultants, and third-party representatives, to ensure that HARTMANN complies with applicable laws and regulations, sources products and services in accordance with legal obligations, and takes steps to prevent and mitigate modern slavery in our operations and supply chains.

#### **Training and Communication**

We assign mandatory training to employees for completion using our online learning management system, which is accessible to all HARTMANN Australia employees.

### 7. Assessment of Effectiveness of Actions (criteria 5)

During the 2024 reporting period, we aimed to obtain a deeper knowledge of our modern slavery risks and how they might be prevalent in our operations and supply chain. At this early point, we are unable to evaluate the efficiency of the steps we have implemented. However,



we have begun and will continue to work on developing frameworks and processes to allow us to evaluate the effectiveness of the activities we are taking to assess and address modern slavery threats in our operations and supply chains.

# 8. Consultation (criteria 6)

We do not own or control any other entities and therefore this criterion is not applicable.

## 9. Future action plan

HARTMANN Australia works diligently to find areas for enhancement and improvement in our global compliance programs. We will continue to examine our performance and procedures in relation to modern slavery and human trafficking, as well as comply with the Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth).

### 10. Approval

The Board approves this Modern Slavery Statement for publication by Directors Resolution dated:

Jennifer Luke Managing Director