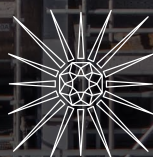


# MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT



2022



**MANILDRA GROUP**

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COVER: Celebrating the completion of construction of Manildra Group's world-class distillery in Nowra, New South Wales, are our Shoalhaven Starches team of engineers, fitters, boilermakers, electricians and construction workers // PHOTO: HILL TO AIR

# ABOUT THIS MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT

This *Modern Slavery Statement* has been prepared in accordance with the requirement of the *Modern Slavery Act 2018* (Cth).

This document forms the second *Modern Slavery Statement* issued by Honan Holdings Pty Ltd (trading as Manildra Group and referred to throughout as 'Manildra Group') and its wholly owned subsidiaries.

This Statement provides a consolidated description of the actions taken to assess and address the risk of modern slavery in the operations and supply chains of Manildra Group for the period July 2021 to June 2022.

# ENTITIES COVERED BY THIS STATEMENT

This Statement applies to every wholly owned entity of Manildra Group, and all entities of which Manildra Group assumes control.

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Golden fields of wheat in northern New South Wales // PHOTO: GRACE QUAST

# MESSAGE FROM OUR MANAGING DIRECTOR



John Honan,  
Manildra Group  
Managing Director

// PHOTO: TAYLAH HUDSON



A bird's eye-view of Manildra Group's flagship Manildra Flour Mill, in central west New South Wales // PHOTO: CHRIS WATSON

From the beginning of our family business in 1952, with a flour mill at Manildra in the New South Wales central west region, the Manildra Group of Companies have proudly maintained our strong family values through a core belief in our people and products. Our company's foundation is built on our values, which distinguish us and guide our actions. Respect for our employees, customers and suppliers – and our relentless focus on providing safe, fulfilling workplaces – are fundamental to the way Manildra Group operates.

We continuously invest in our employees and state-of-the-art manufacturing sites, and more widely in the local communities in which we operate, as crucial to our sustainable Australian industries and regional areas that support them. Pivotal to our world-class manufacturing sites across Australia, and in the United States, are more than 1000 employees – extended members of our family-owned and operated business of more than 70 years.

Sourcing the great majority of our raw ingredients from local Australian farmers, our biggest cost and input is premium Australian wheat. We partner with thousands of local farmers to purchase wheat, sugar and canola – some of these relationships spanning the full seven decades and three generations of our family business – to produce 100 per cent Australian food and industrial ingredients that exceed the highest quality, environmental, social, and

government standards. Successfully managing our operations and sourcing responsibly rely on visibility, transparency, and accountability in our business relationships.

Since the development of Manildra Group's inaugural *Modern Slavery Statement* in 2021, the reliability of our supply chain has been reinforced to our partners in the pandemic. Having thoroughly outlined the steps taken to identify, manage and mitigate specific risks of modern slavery in our diversely integrated operations and supply chain, we appreciate the complexity of this growing problem, and remain steadfast in our commitment to upholding human rights and striving for positive impact to all people – on whom we depend across the full value chain.

Putting Australia first for more than 70 years, Manildra Group has always worked closely with our suppliers, customers, farmers and employees, to ensure responsible conduct for the shared sustainability of our industries and rural and regional communities that support them. With great pride in our seven-decade legacy of maintaining highest standards of ethical conduct, universal human rights, environmental responsibility and community contribution, Manildra Group's future will always hold a strong culture of corporate social responsibility and sustainability – the foundation for the next generation of our family's 100 per cent Australian-owned business.

# WHO IS MANILDRA GROUP?

Since the establishment of our family-owned business in 1952 with a flour mill in rural Manildra, some 300 kilometres from Sydney in central west New South Wales, Manildra Group has grown into a diversely integrated agribusiness dedicated to adding value to sustainable Australian industries and regional communities. Headquartered in Sydney at Gladesville, Manildra Group operates 11 state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities in Australia and another in North America, 18 Australian warehouses, and 14 sales and administrative offices internationally.

As a world-class manufacturer of premium Australian food and industrial ingredients for a global value-adding market, Manildra Group produces a range of flours and bakery premixes, gluten and modified proteins, native and modified wheat starches, sugars and syrups, ethanol, and stockfeeds. The vast majority of our food and industrial products are manufactured in regional New South Wales, with value-adding manufacturing capabilities in Iowa, the United States.

Manildra Group holds a 50 per cent interest in two strategic joint ventures – Manildra Harwood Sugars and MSM Milling. Manildra Harwood Sugars (trading as Sunshine Sugar) operates three mills and a refinery in northern New South Wales. Our joint venture with the family-owned Mac Smith Milling (MSM) operates an integrated canola and vegetable oil crushing and production facility, in central west New South Wales.

# OUR BRANDS

Manildra Group brands made and sold in Australia and exported to more than 26 countries include:

## GEM OF THE WEST

Our century-old brand of flours, bakery premixes, starches and glutes is sourced from only the highest-quality Australian-grown, non-genetically modified and pesticide-free wheat, milled in regional New South Wales. Gem of The West is today renowned by the baking industry globally as the benchmark for the world's most-consistent premium vital wheat gluten.

## MANILDRA GROUP

Our extensive range of Australian food and industrial products for domestic and export markets includes wheat flours, bakery premixes, vital wheat gluten and proteins, starches, syrups, ethanol, stockfeeds, fats and oils, and bags.

## THE HEALTHY BAKER

Our retail range of unbleached and triple-sifted Australian flours and specialty premixes includes premium plain, self-raising and wholemeal flours, and protein-boosted base mixes.

## LO-FO PANTRY

An Australian-first, the only flour certified low in FODMAPs (or fermentable oligosaccharides, disaccharides, monosaccharides and polyols) supports dietary requirements for gut health.

## MANILDRA GOLD

Our premium canola oil for food service and production industries is sourced from 100 per cent Australian canola, and naturally expeller-pressed in regional New South Wales.

## MANILDRA STOCKFEED

We utilise the full resources of our diversely integrated to formulate a range of high-performance dry and pellet supplementary feeds from our unique dried distillers grain syrup (DDG-S), at purpose-built facilities in regional New South Wales.

## MANILDRA EQUINE

Our superior performance horse feed is formulated with, and recommended by, leading equine veterinarians and nutritionists for endurance, speed and recovery.



Manildra Group owns and operates six grain storage sites – including at Bellata, pictured – across the heart of the New South Wales wheatbelt // PHOTO: CHRIS WATSON

# CORPORATE STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS

Manildra Group is wholly owned by Honan Holdings Pty Ltd, one of Australia's largest privately-owned businesses, with two strategic joint ventures in regional New South Wales.

## MANILDRA GROUP



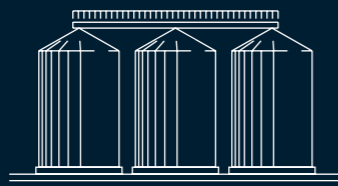
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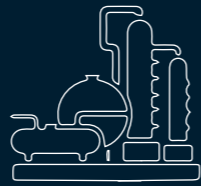
**WAREHOUSES**  
18 (Australia)



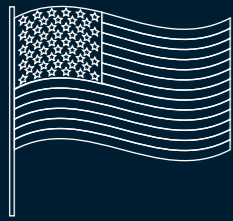
**BAKERY PREMIX PLANTS**  
Altona, Rocklea, Manildra (Australia)



**GRAIN STORAGE SITES**  
Manildra, Moree, Bellata, Bogan Gate, Grong Grong, Stockinbingal (Australia)



**SHOALHAVEN STARCHES**  
Bomaderry (Australia)



**MANILDRA MILLING USA**  
Leawood Kansas, Hamburg Iowa (United States)



**INTERNATIONAL SALES OFFICES**  
United States, Korea, Taiwan, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, China



**GLOBAL HEADQUARTERS**  
Gladesville, Sydney (Australia)

## JOINT VENTURES



**MSM MILLING**  
Manildra (Australia)



**MANILDRA HARWOOD SUGARS**  
Harwood, Condong, Broadwater (Australia)



From New South Wales' golden wheatfields, through Manildra Group's grain storage sites and on to our state-of-the-art mills, then into local bakeries – every little step makes a big difference to the final loaf // ILLUSTRATION: EASTY BEASTY

# MODERN SLAVERY RISK ASSESSMENT AND RESPONSE

At Manildra Group, upholding human rights is fundamental to the sustainability of our business, local Australian industries, and the rural and regional communities integral to our shared success. We unreservedly respect all internationally recognised human rights principles. Allocating resources to enhance our overall approach to human rights for all people, we have appointed a Director of Human Rights with accountability for advancing this strategy across our supply chain, reporting to our Managing Director.

To remove the risks of modern slavery from our operations and supply chain, Manildra Group's initial internal assessment of human rights-related issues measured a low risk of modern slavery practices in our supply chain. This is attributable to our long history as a family-owned Australian business with substantial ties to regional Australian communities; most activities and offices being based in Australia; and our robust regulatory practices, procedures and policies of putting people first, auditing programs, and accountability processes.

To address gaps in policies and procedures to combat modern slavery and other human rights risks identified in our global supply chain review, an action plan developed in 2021 included the formation of a working group, led by our Director of Human Rights, to progress key actions. Among key engagement activities performed since our review to identify and eliminate specific supply chain risks of modern slavery, Manildra Group has:

**Implemented the inaugural *Modern Slavery Statement 2021***, developed in response to specific supply chain risks identified within our national operations and through stakeholder partnerships – including:

- establishment of our *Modern Slavery Policy*, affirming our commitment to eliminate modern slavery, with training for supervisors and managers nationwide;
- establishment of our *Human Rights Policy*, affirming our commitment to respecting all human rights, with a training resource for all employees; and
- prioritising the work rights check government framework for new employees, to determine valid working rights in Australia.

**Subjected our policies, procedures, and practices to external ethical auditing**, in adherence with the Supplier Ethical Data Exchange (SEDEX) assessment of social and business practices in our supply chain – including:

- auditing selected Manildra Group sites to ensure ethical trading and corporate responsibility under SMETA (SEDEX Members Ethical Trade Audit);
- developing training resources for employees to ensure we advocate together for responsible and ethical business practices;
- commencing auditing of all Contract Labour Hire Providers in compliance with SEDEX; and
- enhancing our employee *Code of Conduct and Ethics* under SMETA to include labour standards, health and safety, management systems, environmental sustainability, and ethical business practices.

**Implemented actions to strengthen procurement oversight**, developed in response to our corporate social responsibility risk assessment of our supplier base and customer procurement frameworks – including:

- requesting our suppliers provide their own modern slavery statements and complete our responsible business practices questionnaire;
- amending our Terms and Conditions for approved suppliers, to ensure we advocate together for dignity, respect, and diversity;
- communicating with all stakeholders (suppliers, customers, and employees) about required mitigation methods for specific modern slavery risks;
- actively supporting Australian Industry Participation (AIP) as a core business policy by providing full, fair, and reasonable opportunity to supply goods and services, through the AIP Authority;
- commencing an independent, comprehensive legal review of our policies, procedures, and guidelines to enhance regulatory compliance across land and human rights, whistleblower protection, and anti-bribery and corruption; and
- ensuring the Shoalhaven Starches distillery and integrated operations adhere to international Roundtable for Sustainable Biomaterials (RSB) certification.



At Manildra Group's world-class Shoalhaven Starches site in Nowra, New South Wales, our zero-waste manufacturing processes extract value from 100 per cent of the wheat grain for a diverse range of premium Australian products // PHOTO: DEAN HOLLAND

# ETHICAL BUSINESS PRACTICES

To deliver responsible and ethical business practices throughout our global supply chain and operations, Manildra Group strives to ensure that quality, safety, and environmental standards are maintained and exceeded, and certified subject to external auditing of our products, policies, procedures and practices.

## RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS PRACTICES

As part of our longstanding commitment to sustainable and ethical business practices, Manildra Group has continued to catalogue the ongoing education of our employees and, in particular, our myriad supply chain partners – from input suppliers to downstream customers – to reinforce our obligations to proactively ensure we are all aware of our shared responsibilities. This includes a zero-tolerance policy for any modern slavery practices, corruption, conflicts of interest, or unethical conduct.

In the past year, we have implemented a number of training programs and external engagement initiatives for stakeholders across our sphere of operations. Manildra Group's training and outreach includes questionnaires and educational literature, as well as individual discussions with suppliers on topics such as:

- land and human rights
- modern slavery practices
- whistleblower protection
- anti-bribery and anti-corruption measures
- harassment-free workplaces

Manildra Group has appointed dedicated executives to act as responsible managers for the conduct and enforcement of our policies. In addition, we have outsourced to independent companies the task of receiving calls from whistleblowers or any eligible member of the Manildra Group community who wishes to anonymously discuss issues of concern.

## ROUNDTABLE ON SUSTAINABLE BIOMATERIALS

To maintain our international [Roundtable for Sustainable Biomaterials](#) (RSB) certification, Manildra Group operations must adhere to RSB Principle 4 – to not violate human or labour rights, and to promote decent work and for worker wellbeing; and RSB Principle 5 – to contribute to the social and economic development of local, rural and indigenous people and communities in regions of poverty and acute disadvantage.

RSB Principle 4 explicitly prohibits any slave labour and provides for:

- workers' freedom of association to organise and collectively bargain;
- workplaces free from any discrimination;
- remuneration in accordance with international conventions and local laws and regulations;
- conditions of workplace health and safety to international standards; and
- transparent mechanisms to ensure the same for international third-party contractors.

RSB principle 5 requires improvement to the socioeconomic status of local stakeholders impacted by operations – including special measures implemented to encourage participation by, and benefit to, women and youth, indigenous communities, and the vulnerable in regions of poverty and acute disadvantage.

## SUPPLIER ETHICAL DATA EXCHANGE

Manildra Group abides by the Supplier Ethical Data Exchange (SEDEX) audit to assess social and business practices across our supply chain. SEDEX works with buyers and suppliers to deliver improvements in responsible and ethical business practices in global supply chains.

The audit process provides a framework to assess responsible supply chain activities regarding business ethics, labour standards, health and safety, and the environment. The SEDEX Members Ethical Trade Audit (SMETA) assesses our operations to ensure ethical trading and corporate social responsibility at selected sites owned and operated by Manildra Group.

Golden fields of canola flowers in central west New South Wales // PHOTO: CHRIS WATSON

## AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION

Shoalhaven Starches actively supports Australian Industry Participation (AIP) as a core business policy by providing full, fair, and reasonable opportunity for local industry to supply goods and services, through the [AIP Authority](#) planning and procurement framework.

## SUPPLIER GUIDELINES

All new suppliers are required to complete Manildra Group's responsible business practices questionnaire prior to approval, and meet our approved supplier Terms and Conditions through our purchase requisition system. This has included amendment of our Terms and Conditions following consultation with stakeholders, to require many Manildra Group suppliers to specify their unconditional commitment to protecting human rights; treating people with dignity; and respect in the workplace. Further review of our Terms and Conditions to include ethics and ethical sourcing, is proposed in the coming year.



Shoalhaven Starches' integrated Environmental Farm and Water Treatment Plant in Nowra, New South Wales // PHOTO: PETER IZZARD



# EMPLOYEES AND REPRESENTATION

Manildra Group's workplaces are equitable, safe, and supportive. Manildra Group directly employs about 1050 people in Australia, based largely in regional and rural New South Wales, as well as interstate sales, warehouse, and administrative staff.

Our United States staff are directly employed by Manildra Milling USA. Additionally, our sales staff based in the United States, Korea, Taiwan, Philippines, Indonesia, China, and Malaysia handle all customer enquiries locally. Manildra Group complies with all relevant applicable international laws and labour regulations in the countries our employees are domiciled, to ensure adherence with employment practices, remuneration, compensation, non-discrimination, workplace health and safety, respect for the environment, labour and human rights.

Manildra Group employees are covered by modern awards and enterprise agreements. All employees have freedom of choice to be a member of a union.

Employee rights are protected at Manildra Group through a suite of policies and procedures, recently reviewed and re-drafted to ensure compliance with relevant legislation and practices. Clear policies with measurable outcomes are key to ensuring all Manildra Group employees and associates are apprised of their local and global responsibilities toward mitigating the risk of any modern slavery practices inadvertently entering our operations.

Among the suite of Manildra Group national policies being updated and rigorously implemented are the:

- *Modern Slavery Policy*
- *Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy*
- *Whistleblower Policy*
- *Land Rights Policy*
- *Human Rights Policy*
- *Bullying and Harassment Policy*
- *Code of Conduct and Ethics*

Human rights are part and parcel of Manildra's Group's sustainable success, through our seminal commitment to ethical business conduct. The conduct of our employees, associates, and suppliers throughout Manildra Group's vast supply chain, is paramount to our efforts to eliminate the risks of modern slavery – in both our Australian and our international sphere of operations.

## MODERN SLAVERY POLICY AND TRAINING

Our *Modern Slavery Policy* has been established to commit our contribution toward eliminating all forms of modern slavery. Being implemented across our business, this policy supports the intent of international conventions, treaties, and protocols to combat modern slavery – including Australia's *Modern Slavery Act (Cth) 2018*.

This policy demonstrates our dedication to ensure our operations and supply chain are free of modern slavery risks, and a process of continuous improvement through our annual reporting in this *Modern Slavery Statement*. Outlining our approach to reducing the risk of modern slavery practices within our supply chains and operations, this policy underpins our expectation for a culture of ethical standards not limited to compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and other corporate and social responsibility obligations.

Implementing our training resource for supervisors and managers at selected sites nationally, Manildra Group's *Human Resources - Modern Slavery* toolkit outlines clear actions and immediate responsibilities to prevent modern slavery, both domestically and overseas, in compliance with the *Modern Slavery Act (Cth) 2018*. The policy toolkit also identifies risk factors for modern slavery in supply chains specific to business models, operating context, and the nature and location of work.

## HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY AND TRAINING

The establishment of Manildra Group's *Human Resources Policy* affirms our fundamental commitment to respect for individual dignity. We expect high standards of human rights performance within our operations and across our supply chain. Manildra Group values acting with integrity and courage, and fosters an ethical culture in which everyone embraces shared responsibilities for maintaining the highest standards of personal and professional conduct.

Respecting human rights across all our business activities reflects Manildra Group's core values and vision of creating long-term, sustainable value for society. Supporting stronger rural communities as a world-leading manufacturer of Australian grown-and-made food and industrial products through local employment and procurement.

Manildra Group remains committed to what matters on the ground when working closely with our stakeholders to identify, understand and mitigate our negative impacts and optimise positive outcomes. Our approach is inclusive of the internationally recognised human rights protocols.

To reinforce our commitment to our *Human Rights Policy*, Manildra Group has developed a toolkit training resource for all employees. Our *Human Rights in the Workforce* training outlines employee rights and responsibilities embedded into core business practices, to protect and promote respect for individual dignity and equal opportunity.

Manildra Group's wheat-buying, grains operations, and stockfeed and equine teams greet local farmers and our customers at the annual Agquip, Australia's biggest agricultural exhibition // PHOTO: TAYLAH HUDSON



## RIGHT TO WORK ASSURANCE

Manildra Group has prioritised the work rights check framework for new employees in Australia. When employing a new staff member, part of our responsibilities include understanding and following rules for every individual's working rights in Australia. These include a range of visa restrictions, sponsorship types, and general rights to live and work, and conditions such as working hours per week, length of contracts and even location restrictions.

Manildra Group is obligated to validate a legal right to work in Australia for all staff (employees and contractors – not third-party services engaged externally). Upon recruitment, we ensure compliance by maintaining accurate records, performing right-to-work checks by sighting relevant documentation and – for non-citizens – a Visa Entitlement Verification Online (VEVO) check at reasonable intervals during employment.

## THIRD-PARTY LABOUR HIRE

Manildra Group has commenced auditing of all Contract Labour Hire Providers (CLHP) in compliance with SEDEX to ensure policies and procedures in place for workers' compensation; remuneration in accordance with modern awards and enterprise agreements; relevant training and record-keeping; and validation of a right to work in Australia. Remaining CLHP audits to be conducted across our business, are planned for completion in the coming year.

## EMPLOYEE CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS

Manildra Group's *Code of Conduct and Ethics* is a comprehensive document to provide all our employees and associates with clear and unambiguous guidelines to follow. This Code forms part of pillar requirements under our SEDEX Members Ethical Trade Audit (SMETA) obligations – namely:

- labour standards;
- health and safety;
- management systems;
- environmental sustainability; and
- ethical business practices.

The above pillars are anchored by a suite of complementary policies that encompass equal opportunity, discrimination, harassment, corruption, bribery, conflicts of interest, and professional and personal conduct.

The standards we hold for our employees are detailed in our *Code of Conduct and Ethics*, applicable to all individuals employed, appointed, or otherwise attached to the Manildra Group of Companies, whenever and wherever they represent Manildra Group. Employees of a firm or a company contracted to perform work on behalf of Manildra Group, are also subject to the Code.

The principles underpinning this Code are an ethical culture, equal opportunity, anti-discrimination or harassment, anti-corruption or bribery, conflicts of interest management, and personal and professional standards of behaviour.

Manildra Group has always made clear that our employees must adhere to the practices and principles set out in this Code. In turn, Manildra Group:

- works to establish safe and healthy workplace environments;
- values diversity and considers it integral to our operations;
- complies with all applicable workplace laws including equal employment opportunities, wages and benefits; and
- respects freedom and human rights through appropriate non-discriminatory practices.

Manildra Group has zero tolerance for child slave labour, as detailed in our *Recruitment Policy* and *Modern Slavery Policy*.



Manildra Group warehouse staff unpack a pallet of flour at Rocklea, Queensland // PHOTO: JUDITH LOSH

# OUR COMMUNITIES

Manildra Foundation was established to support the communities in which we operate and beyond. Making a long-term positive difference is important to our family business, and we remain proud of our partnerships with trusted organisations who – like us – want the best for our shared communities by working together.

In collaboration between Manildra Foundation and the following not-for-profit organisations, we dedicate significant time and resources to strengthening these partnerships and our shared commitment to outcomes.

## AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS

A mission to reduce and prevent human suffering, the Red Cross is the world's largest humanitarian movement, with 17 million volunteers globally in almost 200 countries.

## THE SALVATION ARMY

Providing services as wide-ranging and diverse as the areas of need in our communities, from children to the aged, the internationally renowned organisation established in 1865 in London, arrived in Australia around 1880.

## FOODBANK

Established in New South Wales in 1992, the pantry source for charities and community groups in every state and territory has distribution centres in all capital cities and a number of regional centres, to provide more than 60 million meals in 2022 as a conduit between food industry surplus and welfare sector need.

## THE SMITH FAMILY

For more than a century, Australia's largest education-related charity has helped children participate fully as students for their best chance at breaking the cycle of disadvantage, with learning support and mentoring programs to fit in at school, keep up with peers, and build aspirations for a better future for themselves.

## SYDNEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Contributing more than \$500 million since 1986 to priority needs (including medical, nursing and allied health specialists, high-tech equipment, ground-breaking research, and ward refurbishments and new buildings), and funding for Child Life, Music Therapy, and Art Program activities and exhibitions to create a vibrant healing environment.

## BREAST CANCER NETWORK AUSTRALIA

Working since 1998 to ensure impacted Australians receive the very best support, information, treatment, and care appropriate to individual needs.

Manildra Group's flagship Manildra Flour Mill produces our highest-quality, Australian-grown and made signature flour and bakery premix range // PHOTO: CHRIS WATSON

# INDUSTRIES WE SUPPLY



## FOOD AND BAKERY

- Sweet and savoury baked goods
- Pastas and soups • Tortillas
- Pizzas • Noodles • Confectionery
- Ice-cream and dairy products
- Food services industry and brands
- Meat and dairy extender or substitute • Plant-based products



## BEVERAGE

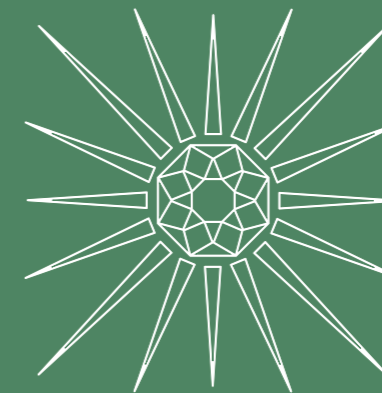
- Alcoholic spirits and ready-to-drink brands
- Protein shakes
- Performance drinks
- Carbonated drinks • Brewing



## PAPER AND PACKAGING

- Paper and pulp • Fine papers
- Paper packaging and sacks
- Corrugated cardboard
- Copy papers • Boxes

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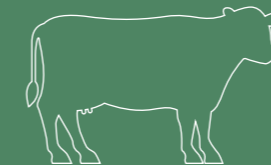
## INDUSTRIAL

- Solvents • Detergents
- Coatings and lacquers • Adhesives
- Printing inks



## PHARMACEUTICALS

- Sanitisers and sprays • Medicines and tablets
- Hairspray and other personal care products



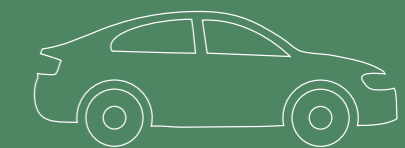
## FEED

- Stockfeed pellets
- Aquaculture feed • Pet foods



## MINING AND CONSTRUCTION

- Bricks • Plasterboard • Cement
- Water clarifier and settling agent



## FUEL

- E10 and E85 petrol

# OUR SUPPLY CHAIN

Since 1952, our 100 per cent family-owned Australian business has remained committed to Australian-grown-and-made products across the entire supply chain, working with a far-reaching and diverse value chain of stakeholders including suppliers at home and abroad. Products imported are minimal and immaterial in relation to Manildra Group's core business of sustainable value-adding to Australian agriculture and regional manufacturing industries.

The principal raw material used in our processes, wheat is purchased in Australia from more than 2000 farmers across New South Wales, Victoria, and Queensland. Sugar is purchased from more than 500 farmers in northern New South Wales, and canola from more than 1000 farmers mostly in New South Wales. Other raw materials used by Manildra Group include dairy products and other oils and agricultural products.

In turn, we supply farmers our nutritious feeds for livestock and aquaculture. We also produce and use substantive amounts of energy, paper and corrugated cardboard, plastic, metal packaging materials, and operating supplies.

These inputs for our Australian operations are purchased largely from local suppliers, and acquired locally by our North American operations. Downstream, our global customer base includes industrial manufacturers, independent bakeries, food service businesses, beverage manufacturers and brewers, mining and oil companies, pharmaceutical companies, retailers and brands, and exporters.

We manufacture and distribute to our warehouses and domestic customers directly from our world-class facilities. Product is also containerised for freight by rail and road from Manildra Group manufacturing sites to Australian ports, for shipping to more than 26 countries and distribution on to our customers globally.

Our commitment to Australian-made is our business' brand. Where products are not available in adequate domestic supply, Manildra Group identifies the modern slavery risks associated with any imported products required, as outlined in this Statement.

In addition to our direct employees, Manildra Group operations are further supported by short-term contractors and labour hire, as required, in industries not limited to construction and transportation.

# SOURCING OUR INGREDIENTS

Since the start of our family business in 1952, Manildra Group has remained committed to putting Australia first and sourcing ingredients that are Australian-grown-and-made. Most of our raw products are sourced directly from farmers in Australia, and materials we source externally are immaterial and minimal to our core manufacturing operations.

Where ingredients required are not in adequate supply in Australia, we implement a range of procedures and practices to ensure we mitigate recognised risks of some raw ingredients – particularly when imported – for a higher likelihood of modern slavery, associated with country of origin or historical production practices.



Manildra Group's grain storage site at Bellata, among six grain storage sites we own and operate across New South Wales  
// PHOTO: CHRIS WATSON



Manildra Group has partnered with local wheat farmers since the 1950s deliveries to our flagship Manildra Flour Mill in NSW



Australia's largest grain industry, wheat is grown across our 'golden crescent' of northern, southern and eastern NSW



Australian wheat farmers grow about 25 million tonnes annually, worth about 3% of overall output and 10% of exports globally

# WHEAT

As Manildra Group's major input and biggest cost, our wheat is purchased locally from Australian farming families and grain traders. To produce our 100 per cent Australian-grown, owned and made premium products, Manildra Group proudly maintains personal partnerships with more than 2000 wheat farmers. Together, we ensure our premium products are sustainably produced to the best-practice standards, from the highest-quality wheat.

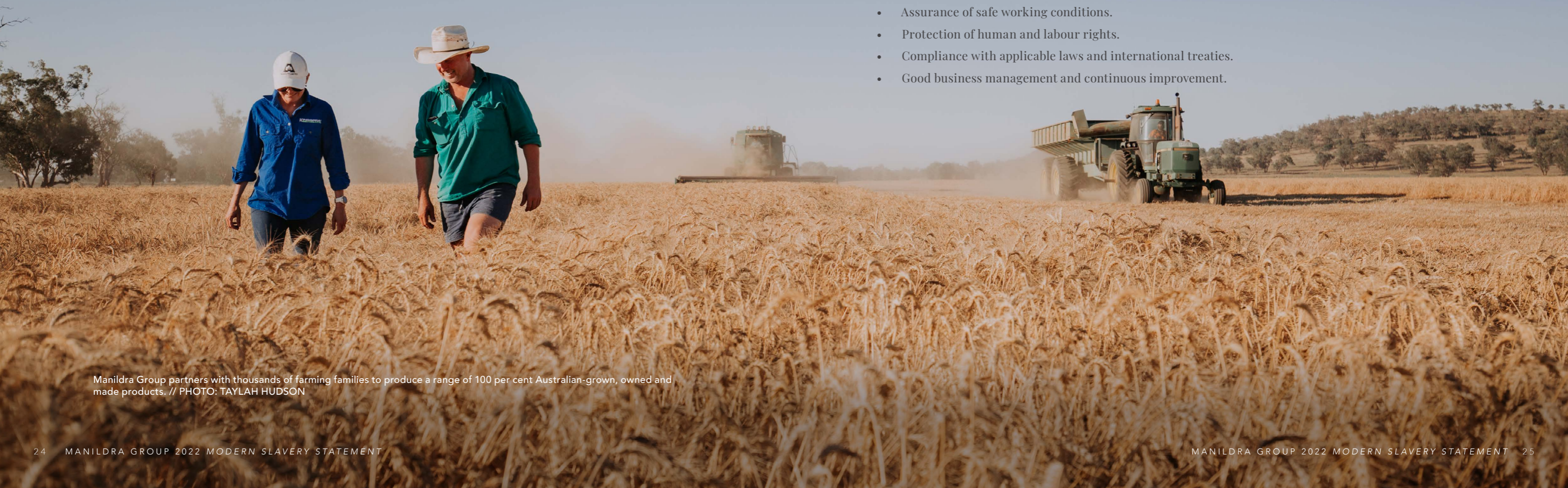
Blessed with rich natural assets, Australian farmers are renowned for ranking among the world's most-sustainable production practices and highest food safety standards. From the wheatbelt heartland of New South Wales, we work hand-in-glove with farmers to add value to Australian agriculture and share the finest from our nation with the world.

We know joint commitments to ethical conduct and integrity bind our longstanding and trusted business relationships with farmers. By engaging in thorough due diligence before doing business with farmers for the past seven decades – including regular site visits by Manildra Group's team of grain-buyers – we understand how Australian farmers provide safe and healthy working conditions and foster inclusive workplaces free of discrimination and harassment.

The longevity of our strong farming relationships – some for many decades – provides us critical insight into potential risks on farms. To provide the assurance required in our downstream supply chain that our wheat source is produced in a sustainable way that meets or exceeds community expectations, the [International Sustainability and Carbon Certification \(ISCC\)](#) scheme has been adopted by Sustainable Grain Australia.

Affirming industry's commitment to the environmentally, socially and economically sustainable production of grains, ISCC principle 4 requires compliance with human, labour, and land rights. Mandatory ISCC certification for the European Union as the world's biggest canola market – including Australian grain imported for more than a decade – encompasses the entire farm for mixed cropping (including wheat) in New South Wales. More than 5000 growers made ISCC declarations last year, usually conducted via their National Grower Registration card at point of delivery, to comply with the six ISCC pillars of sustainability:

- Protection of biodiversity and carbon-rich environments.
- Adherence to good agricultural practices.
- Assurance of safe working conditions.
- Protection of human and labour rights.
- Compliance with applicable laws and international treaties.
- Good business management and continuous improvement.



Manildra Group partners with thousands of farming families to produce a range of 100 per cent Australian-grown, owned and made products. // PHOTO: TAYLAH HUDSON

# SUGARCANE

Our Sunshine Sugar partnership, between local farmers from the grower-owned New South Wales Sugar Milling Co-operative and family-owned Manildra Group, is the only 100 per cent Australian producer of raw and refined sugar products. We own and operate sugar mills in regional Harwood, Broadwater and Condong; and a refinery co-located at Harwood. For more than 150 years, sugar production has been a major industry in the northern rivers' Clarence, Richmond and Tweed valley region of New South Wales, where Harwood is home to Australia's longest-running sugar mill since 1874.

Sunshine Sugar is the retail name for the New South Wales sugar industry, and Manildra Group only purchases sugar through this partnership. This industry supports more than 500 farming families over a 34,000-hectare footprint, growing up to 2.4 million tonnes of cane to produce 275,000 tonnes of raw sugar annually.

Ensuring our sugar production is thriving, sustainable and responsible, Sunshine Sugar is proudly certified to international Bonsucro standards to promote sustainable sugarcane production, processing and trade for one of the world's most important crops. Bonsucro supports more than 250 members from 50 countries in all elements of the sugarcane supply chain – from farmers to millers, traders, buyers and support organisations.

Bonsucro is a member of the International Social and Environmental Accreditation and Labelling Alliance (ISEAL) in full compliance with the ISEAL *Codes of Good Practice* framework for world-leading sustainability standards. Bonsucro's *Production Standard* and *Chain of Custody Standard* to achieve sustainability in sugarcane and derived products, emphasise respect for human rights and labour standards.

Manildra Group is further committed to complying with the Bonsucro *Code of Conduct*, in line with the United Nations *Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights* and the *OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises*. Bonsucro certification also draws on the *OECD-FAO Guidance for Responsible Agricultural Supply Chains* as globally agreed frameworks important to Bonsucro members working along the sugarcane supply chain.



To world-leading environmental standards and using the best soil and water resources in the NSW northern rivers region, 500 farmers grow 2.4 million tonnes a year of cane over 34,000 hectares



The world's first sugar manufacturer certified to global environmental and social sustainability standards, Manildra Group's partnership with the farmer-owned NSW Sugar Milling Co-operative at Harwood, is home to Australia's oldest continuously operating sugar mill



Manildra Harwood Sugars operates mills at Condong and Broadwater, and a state-of-the-art refinery with our Harwood mill, as the only 100% Australian producer of raw and refined Sunshine Sugar

Lush sugar cane fields in northern New South Wales // PHOTO: SUPPLIED

# CANOLA

We transform non-genetically modified canola seed purchased directly from more than 1000 Australian farmers, into our value-added oil, meal and stockfeed products at our fully integrated oilseed crushing, refining, packaging and stockfeed manufacturing operation in Manildra, New South Wales.

Operated in a joint venture under the International Sustainability and Carbon Certification (ISCC) scheme in Australia, the ISCC framework ensures the sustainable production of raw materials that meets or exceeds community expectations – as outlined in the wheat section of this Statement.



The family-owned Mac Smith and Manildra Group MSM Milling specialises in oil-seed crushing, refining and packaging of canola and high-oleic oils at our world-class manufacturing facility in central west NSW



Canola seeds sown by NSW growers in winter become spring fields of yellow flowers that form pods of black seeds at 43% oil, to be naturally expeller-pressed in our fully-integrated, sustainable manufacturing process



With the lowest saturated fat of any vegetable oil and half that of olive oil, our premium 100 per cent Australian-owned, grown and made canola oil is also rich in Vitamin E, Omega-3 and fatty acids, to help maintain heart health

Golden fields of canola in the heart of central west New South Wales // PHOTO: CHRIS WATSON

## PALM OIL

Recognising that palm oil may have significant impacts on workers, communities, and the environment, Manildra Group was among Australian pioneers in sourcing sustainable palm oil, joining the [Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil](#) (RSPO) standards in 2011 and obtaining RSPO certification in 2014. RSPO certification ensures any palm oil we use is produced in a manner that promotes environmental protection, wildlife conservation, human rights, and social benefits through the supply chain.

Certified Sustainable Palm Oil (CSPO) must comply with RSPO environmental and social criteria applied to minimise negative impacts of cultivation on environments and communities in palm oil-producing regions. To implement global standards for sustainable palm oil production, RSPO unites industry stakeholders across seven sectors – palm oil producers, processors and traders, consumer goods manufacturers, retailers, banks or other investors, and environmental or social non-government organisations.

All Manildra Group shortenings and margarine products made with palm and kernel oil are certified to international RSPO or [Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil Certification](#) (MSPO) standards. Further, about 95 per cent of all palm and kernel product we purchase is certified RSPO Segregated (SG) and Mass Balance (MB). With full records for data transparency across the whole supply chain, every batch of shortening and margarine sold by Manildra Group can be individually traced back to each plantation.

Importantly, the RSPO Human Rights Working Group, formed in 2014, oversees the successful implementation of RSPO *Principles and Criteria* in standards; and provides tools to support further implementation of the United Nations *Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights – Protect, Respect and Remedy Framework*.

## COCOA

Manildra Group is committed to protecting the rights of people, to raise awareness of any potential modern slavery issues, and improve the working conditions of international cocoa farmers. We import cocoa from a third party with UTZ certification (now part of the [Rainforest Alliance](#)) to show consumers that products have been sourced in a sustainable manner, from the farm and through production.

To become certified, suppliers must adhere to the [Sustainable Agriculture Standard](#) to drive more resilient and inclusive agricultural production and responsible supply chains, through an assess-and-address approach to risks of human rights violations such as child and forced labour, discrimination, and workplace violence and harassment.



An array of freshly baked chocolate treats made all the sweeter with a range of Manildra Group's value-adding, premium Australian ingredients // PHOTO: SUPPLIED

# EFFICACY OF ACTIONS AND FORWARD VIEW

Manildra Group's commitment to respect for human rights, including the elimination of modern slavery globally, is underpinned by our strong policies and procedures – certified to international standards – to identify and manage risks of human rights violations and specific modern slavery risks within our supply chain. We recognise this as an ongoing process required for continuous improvement.

As we continue to expand our policy program, expectations for mitigating identifiable risks are being integrated into Manildra Group's standard business processes. To this end, Manildra Group commits to:

- further engage with suppliers to increase awareness of modern slavery practices and identify specific risks in our supply chain, including the identification and implementation of necessary actions;
- continue our internal, nationwide policy reviews to formalise Manildra Group policies, procedures, and practices in areas including social responsibility, environmental protection, sustainability in production and business practices, food fraud, and more;
- review and formalise ethical sourcing policies and practices to existing supplier assurance processes, including enhancing Terms and Conditions for our suppliers, to ensure we advocate together for dignity, respect and diversity;
- develop a code of conduct for all third parties to deliver sustainable outcomes for all stakeholders that address modern slavery and human rights, in working together to enhance our positive social, environmental and economic impacts;
- develop ethical sourcing guidelines reinforcing Manildra Group's longstanding commitment to responsibly source ingredients, materials and services, with the goal of not causing harm to, or exploiting, people or the environment;
- further engage with Manildra Group employees, supervisors and managers to raise awareness of modern slavery risks and implement mitigation activities, by expanding training to anti-bribery, harassment-free workplaces, and sustainability; and
- continue to develop Manildra Group's policy program to address specific risks of modern slavery in our own operations and those of our business partners – including implementation of the actions outlined above, with ongoing communication of our progress to stakeholders through the development of our *Modern Slavery Statement 2023* led by our Director of Human Rights.

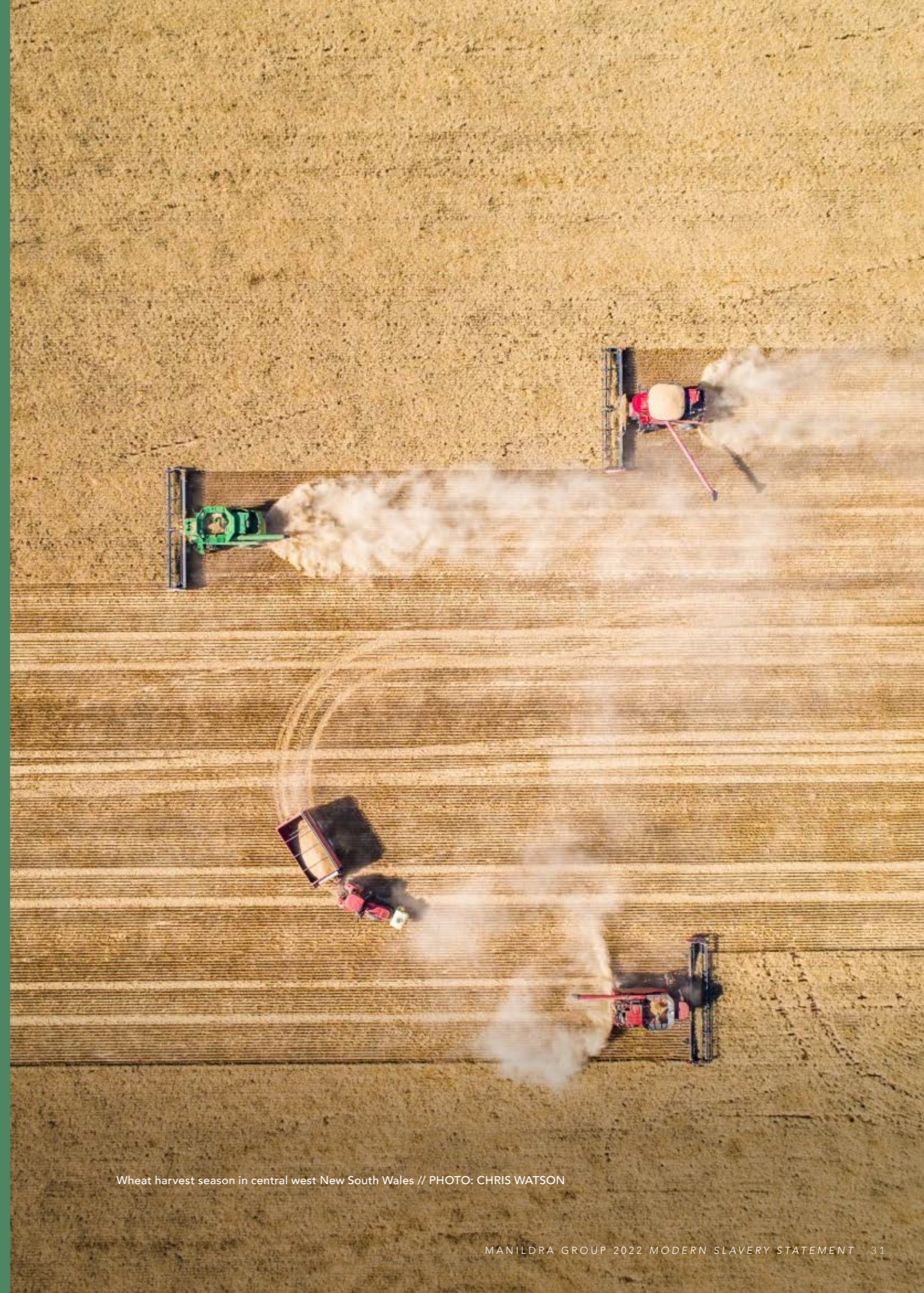
## CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL

Manildra Group consulted with a number of key stakeholders to compile this Statement. Our Executive Leadership team and Directors have been involved in the endorsement of this Statement for approval. The Board of Directors has approved this Statement on behalf of Manildra Group pursuant to the *Modern Slavery Act 2018* (Cth).

This statement was approved  
by the board of Manildra Group  
on 6th June 2023

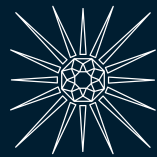


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Wheat harvest season in central west New South Wales // PHOTO: CHRIS WATSON





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