

# Joint Modern Slavery Statement

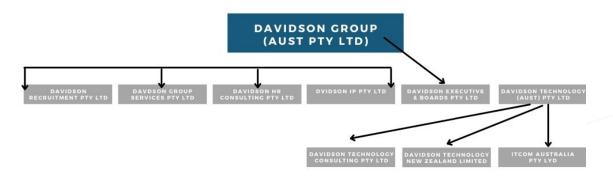
Davidson Group (Aust) Pty Ltd and Subsidiaries Reporting Period:1 July 2020 - 30June 2021

## Introduction

Davidson Group is committed to eradicating acts of modern day and human slavery from within its business, subsidiaries and supply chains. Being above the annual turnover threshold, Davidson Group acknowledges responsibility under the Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) and will ensure transparency within the group's organisation and with our suppliers of goods and services.

This statement is made pursuant to section 14 of the Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) on behalf of Davidson Group (Aust) Pty Ltd (ABN 43 167 652 155) and its subsidiaries, (**Davidson Group**) including;

- Davidson Technology (Aust) Pty Ltd (ABN 51167752258),
- Davidson Executive and Boards Pty Ltd (ABN 89 167 748 816),
- Davidson Recruitment Pty Ltd (ABN 50 167 132 523),
- Davidson HR Consulting Pty Ltd (ABN 38 161 578 310), and
- Davidson Technology Consulting Pty Ltd (ABN 23 163 298 379)
  (together Davidson, we, our or us).



## Structure & consultation

Davidson Group is a privately owned business with offices operating in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide. The Davidson Group has approximately 130 internal employees and specialises in providing customised temporary and permanent recruitment along with consulting and strategic advice to enhance organisational performance.

The effective control and management of Davidson Group (including all reporting entities and subsidiaries above) is held by the Davidson Group (Aust) Pty Ltd Board. Davidson Group operates from its centralised Brisbane office with shared board members and corporate functions such as Legal, Human Resources and Finance. All subsidiaries within the Davidson Group are subject to Davidson Group policies, procedures and standards.

As part of the preparation and development of this joint statement, the Davidson Group (Aust) Pty Ltd Board engaged with personnel from each subsidiary reporting entity to inform and provide contribution to this statement.



## Operations, supply chains & risks

As a recruitment and labour hire company Davidson Group provide on-hire candidates and employees with equitable, fair and legally compliant conditions of work. Currently all candidates and employees are sourced from Australia and engaged under Australian law, a jurisdiction with developed labour laws and worker rights, we have assessed our direct operations to be low risk in relation to modern slavery.

Davidson Group engages a relatively small number of suppliers, most of whom are based in Australia. Davidson Group's supply chain includes service providers who provide support in the areas of office maintenance and cleaning, security, IT infrastructure, office supplies and consumables.

#### Actions to address risks

Davidson Group has a suite of polices to ensure staff, including contractors and labour hire, all of whom are based in Australia, are afforded a workplace, and working conditions that are in accordance with Australian law and are safe and free from discrimination. Wages, hours of work and other conditions are regularly audited to ensure compliance. Ongoing communication with employees, contractors and suppliers is in place to address practices in operations and supply chains that may lead to modern slavery.

All suppliers are subject to critical review before engagement and a contractual expectation is placed on suppliers to promote similar standards in their own supply chain. Suppliers are required by Davidson Group, through contracts of engagement, to warrant to Davidson Group their commitment to and compliance with modern slavery standards. Each supplier is provided with a representative from Davidson Group to facilitate processes of consultation and notification in the event of supply chain auditing, or suspected issues of modern slavery. Supplier agreements endeavour to reference obligations to meet Davidson's Modern Slavery Statement.

In 2020 Davidson Group introduced a Modern Slavery Policy which reflects our processes and procedures for identifying modern slavery risks and our commitment to acting ethically and with integrity in all our business relationships and within our supply chain.

As part of our initiative to identify and mitigate risk, we have in place systems to:

- Identify and assess potential risk areas in our workplaces and supply chains;
- Conduct due diligence to identify and mitigate the risk of slavery and human trafficking connected to our operations and supply chains;
- Develop, improve and implement appropriate remediation measures; and
- Protect whistle blowers.

Where problems are identified we will work with the supplier to develop corrective actions within agreed timeframes as part of remediation plans.

## Assessing effectiveness

We assess the effectiveness of our approach to modern slavery by tracking our actions and outcomes in a modern slavery register. Operating under the direction and oversight of the Board, Davidson Group has a compliance team who actively enquires into our employee and contractor staff, as well as into our suppliers and further supply chains. Davidson Group's external legal compliance as well as its internal compliance with policies and practices is thus continuously reviewed throughout the year, particularly triggered by any developments in our risk profile or governmental guidance.

Davidson Group is also ISO9001:2015 certified which requires us to conduct internal audits at planned intervals throughout the year in order to identify risks in our organisation, compliance, resources, operational



control, competence and monitoring. Davidson Group are also externally audited annually to ensure we retain our ISO9001:2015 certification.

We have not identified any suspected or actual instances of modern slavery through audit programs this year, and have assessed our actions as adequate.

## COVID-19

Davidson Group has taken additional steps as a result of the impacts of COVID-19 in 2020/2021 to protect workers in our operations and supply chains. Including:

- developing and implementing a mandatory COVID-19 risk assessment at all host client workplaces;
- ensuring all internal employees and external contractors complete work from home risk assessments and checklists;
- collaborating with clients/suppliers to ensure there is open communication about COVID-19 risks and risk management; and
- implementing COVID-Safe Plans at all Davidson Group's premises.

## Looking forward

As we progress, Davidson Group will continuously review and develop frameworks and processes to identify, assess and control the risks of modern slavery of our supply chains ensuring effectiveness and improvements if necessary.

Over the next year, Davidson Group will continue to focus on:

- Reviewing and updating our suite of risk-related policies and governance control measures;
- Further develop annual review process with members of senior management;
- Stakeholder engagement on this issue, including delivering appropriate awareness training sessions on modern slavery principles to relevant Davidson staff, our customers and key suppliers; and
- Incorporating requirements into existing assurance and contractual processes.

## Approval

This statement is a joint statement submitted by Davidson Group (Aust) Pty Ltd on behalf of its subsidiaries.

This statement was approved by the Board of Davidson Group (Aust) Pty Ltd on 12 October, 2021.

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