



**MITSUI IRON ORE  
DEVELOPMENT PTY. LTD.**

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This Modern Slavery Statement describes the steps taken by Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd (ACN 008 734 361) (**MIOD**) during its financial year ending 31 March 2024 to address modern slavery risks in its operations and supply chains in accordance with the *Modern Slavery Act 2018* (Cth) (**Act**).

MIOD is a reporting entity under the Act.

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# 1. Our Approach

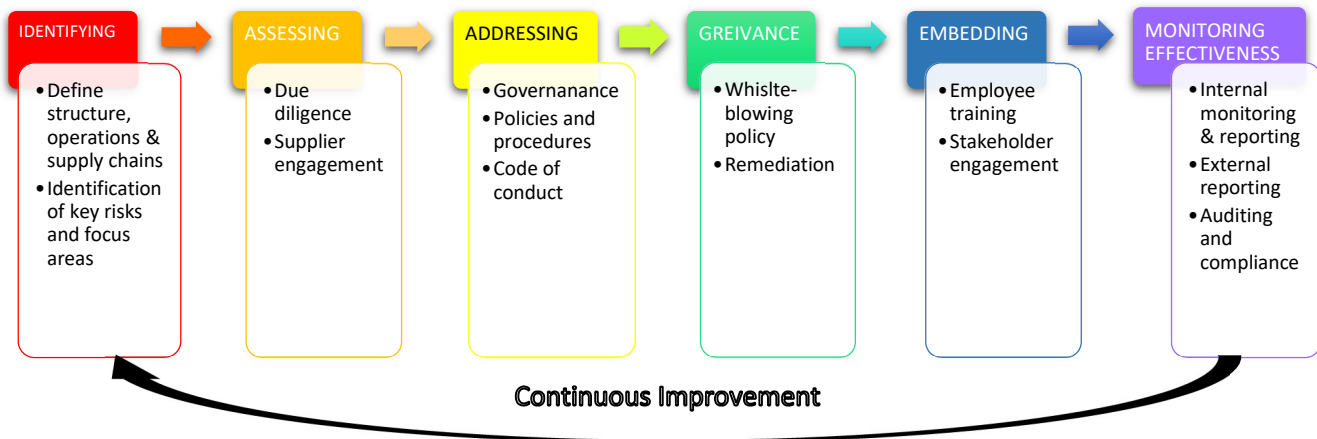
Modern slavery is estimated to affect roughly 50 million people<sup>1</sup>. Modern slavery takes many forms and is known by many names - forced labour, debt bondage, forced marriage, human trafficking and the sale and exploitation of children - to name a few. More simply, it refers to the systematic removal of a person’s freedom.

At MIOD, we are committed to combating the risk of modern slavery within all parts of our business. We operate by a set of values which shapes the way we think, work, and act, to ensure we achieve our ambitions – in the right way. This means we aim to act fairly, ethically, and openly in everything we do, and we choose business partners which share our mindset.

We're working to build a better future for people and planet. Our Tokyo-based corporate management, and MIOD directly, takes on the challenge of addressing global issues and contributing to the realization of a sustainable society.

Each of our employees and officers are endeavouring to acquire a firm understanding of what society expects from and requires of MIOD. Based on this understanding, we strive to respond to changes in market environments, and constantly evolve to create new value through our business activities by exercising our unique capabilities, and thereby contribute to the realization of a sustainable society.

We are committed to continually improving our approach to identify, assess, and manage modern slavery-related risks in our operations and supply chain.



<sup>1</sup> <https://cdn.walkfree.org/content/uploads/2023/05/17114737/Global-Slavery-Index-2023.pdf>

## 2. Our organisation

MIOD is an Australian proprietary company that was established in 1970 and is headquartered in Perth, Western Australia. MIOD is jointly owned by Mitsui & Co. Mineral Resources Development Pty Ltd (ACN 160 296 462) (**MMRD**) (80%) and Mitsui & Co. (Australia) Ltd (ACN 004 349 795) (**MCA**) (20%), both being wholly owned subsidiaries of Mitsui & Co., Ltd. (**Mitsui Tokyo**), and is a holding company for one of Mitsui Tokyo's Australian iron ore investments.

## 3. Our business

Located in Western Australia, MIOD directly employs 15 staff. MIOD holds a 33% interest (20% direct and 13% indirect) in the Robe River Iron Associates (RRIA) unincorporated joint venture (JV) which operates iron ore mines and mining related infrastructure in Western Australia's Pilbara region. The RRIA JV is ultimately owned by Rio Tinto Plc (Rio Tinto) (53%), Mitsui & Co. Ltd (Mitsui Tokyo) (33%) and Nippon Steel Corporation (NSC) (14%). The JV operates two sets of open pit mines in Western Australia one being in the Robe Valley, and one located in West Angelas. These mines are managed by Robe River Mining Company Pty Ltd (RRMC) (which is majority owned by Rio Tinto Ltd). The joint venture also owns and operates Port Walcott (Cape Lambert), one of the three major iron ore exporting ports in the Pilbara region of Western Australia, and rail networks across the region.

MIOD does not wholly own or control, whether directly or indirectly, any other entity.

MIOD also holds a minority interest in Binding Solutions Ltd, a private company registered in the United Kingdom, with a focus on contributing to the decarbonisation of the metals and mining industry.

Furthermore, MIOD is committed towards making a valuable and meaningful contribution to the local communities in and around the regions in which the JV operates. Our focus in these areas involves health, education, community, the arts, and culture and included donations to the Royal Flying Doctor Service, SciTech, WA Ballet, Cancer Council and Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation.

## 4. Understanding our Supply Chains

MIOD is exposed to large supply chains from a variety of suppliers across multiple continents through its investment in RRIA JV. Day-to-day operational control is granted to the JV manager, and our involvement and control over identification and management of modern slavery risks in the supply chain of the JV is limited. At MIOD, we manage our exposure to modern slavery risks by selecting joint venture partners with strong governance and human rights practices, and ensuring they have adequate risk mitigation

processes. As majority shareholder and manager of the joint venture, Rio Tinto manages risks MIOD may be exposed to through the supply chain on behalf of participants. Their modern slavery statement can be found at:

<https://www.riotinto.com/en/invest/reports/modern-slavery>

We engage MCA and Mitsui Tokyo for shared services and have performed a risk assessment of human rights violations within those services, deeming them low risk. Both MCA, and Mitsui Tokyo, are committed to upholding modern slavery legislation. MCA has published its own statement under the Act, and Mitsui Tokyo has published its own statement under the UK Modern Slavery Act since 2016.

<https://www.mitsui.com/jp/en/sustainability/social/msa/index.html>

MIOD's direct supply chains relate to the procurement of goods and services needed to manage the administrative side of our business. Through our assessment of the Global Slavery Index<sup>1</sup> we have identified the most at-risk items within our supply chain. These include the procurement of:

- IT equipment
- coffee, tea, chocolate, fruit, and other amenities for the staff breakout area
- cleaning services
- MIOD branded clothing

MIOD has processes that aims to ensure we only work with suppliers who can meet the standards that we expect. This may include purchasing Fair Trade certified items, confirmation that suppliers have responsible supply chain policies, or anti-modern slavery statements of their own.

## 5. Actions Taken

### Management and Mitigation of Risk

MIOD assessed our key suppliers outside joint venture payments and internal payments within the Mitsui group, and we have a high confidence that there are only low levels of risk of modern slavery. This is through our supplier due diligence processes and assessing risks inherent in the nature of the goods and services they are providing. We are further satisfied through assessing suppliers anti-Modern Slavery policies against our own high standards.

Our Business Conduct Guidelines annual compliance declarations by staff, seminars and refresher training reminds existing employees and encourages new hires to be vigilant in their monitoring for risks of modern slavery within our business and supply chains.

### Risk and Compliance Board Sub-Committees

In collaboration with Mitsui Australia and other Australian entities which are wholly owned by Mitsui Tokyo, MIOD hold regular sub-compliance committee meetings which discuss the effectiveness and future direction of governance proceedings within the group, staff training, and education in governance matters. These meetings feed into Executive committees and ultimately the Board of Directors of MCA.

### Established Policy Framework

MIOD maintains a set of Business Conduct Guidelines, which oblige the company and its people to conduct our business in a manner that respects human rights and does not involve any modern slavery practices. The Guidelines prohibit discrimination of any protected attribute under the law and are MIOD's principal code of conduct for our employees and contractors. These guidelines are continuously reviewed to ensure they meet the high standards set by MIOD and Mitsui Tokyo.

We are also committed to the reporting of and speaking out against realised or suspected breaches of any internal policies or laws. MIOD have adopted a [Whistle blower Policy](#) which coupled with the compliance reporting route, provide a platform for making reports concerning our modern slavery and other compliance obligations. These protections are available to both current and former employees and extend to our own suppliers. Governance and transparency are key values for MIOD, and these messages are communicated and demonstrated from the highest levels within MIOD, to all employees.

## 6. Assessing effectiveness and steps planned for 2025 and beyond

At the date of this report, no breaches had been reported through any of our compliance reporting routes but MIOD does not take this to mean we have fully met our obligations.

MIOD continuously review our policies and processes to reduce the risk of modern slavery within our supply chains, and that the protocols we have in place to detect or identify actual or potential breaches of this are appropriate.

We recognise that the risks of modern slavery are complex and evolving. We will continue to work to address these risks in our business and engage with a range of stakeholders to assess the effectiveness of our actions and enhance our approach based on the latest guidance. We are working to develop a formal set of KPIs and further metrics to assess the effectiveness of our actions, in line with continuous improvement.

## 7. Consultation

MIOD does not own or control whether directly or indirectly any other entity therefore this criterion is not applicable.

MIOD does however perform administrative functions for the Pannawonica Iron Associates and Cape Lambert Iron Associates partnerships which hold a direct interest in the JV. MIOD does not have a controlling interest in these partnerships but maintains a 20% interest in the Cape Lambert Iron Associates partnership which is reported through our 33% share of the JV. Nippon Steel Australia Pty. Limited and Nippon Steel Raw Materials Australia Pty Ltd are the other partners to these partnerships. Supply chains related to these partnerships directly, and their involvement in the JV, are included in the respective partners' individual statements.

## 8. Declaration

I, Toru Kojima hereby certify this Modern Slavery Statement, has been approved by the Board of Directors in their capacity as principal governing body of Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd on 11 September 2024.

**Toru Kojima**

**TORU KOJIMA**

President and Managing Director of Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd  
11 September 2024