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Modern Slavery Statement 2020





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INTRODUCTION

Modern Slavery is an emerging global issue that businesses need to be alert to and prepared to address. This policy applies to Jade King Holdings Pty Ltd and each of its related entities that make up the V&V Walsh Group (together, **V&V Walsh**), including all Board members and employees of V&V Walsh. V&V Walsh expects that our employees and suppliers will reject Modern Slavery.

The challenge of ensuring we avoid any involvement in Modern Slavery is significant, but we are committed to continuing to evolve our approach to meet developing risks. This statement, which meets the requirements of the Commonwealth Modern Slavery Act (the **Act**), describes the steps taken by V&V Walsh

to ensure that Modern Slavery is not occurring in any part of our business or in any of our supply chains. In line with the Australian Government's guidance, V&V Walsh has produced one statement for our group covering all subsidiaries.



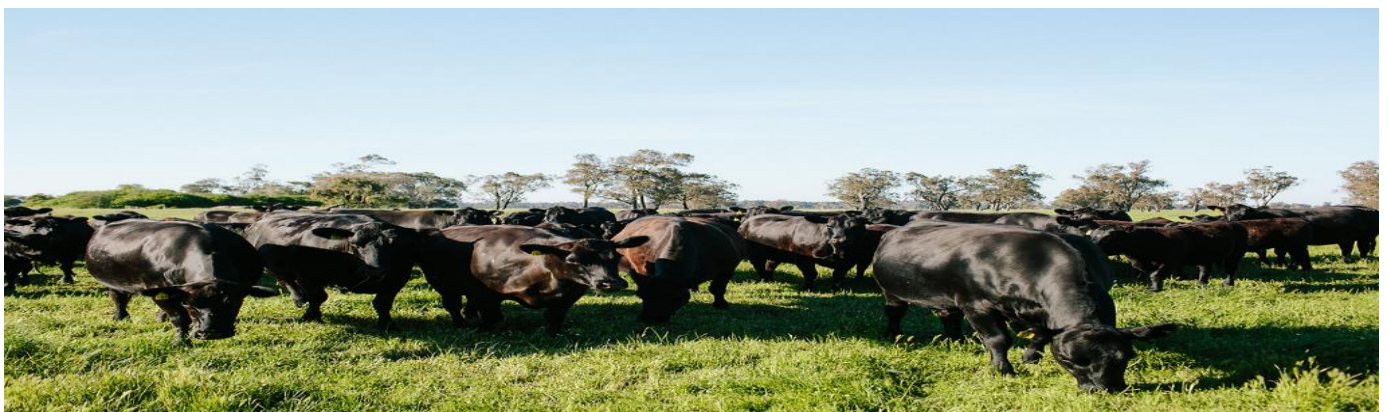
MODERN SLAVERY

Modern Slavery is a crime and a violation of fundamental human rights. It takes various forms, such as slavery, servitude, forced and 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 year has been an important one in the global fight against Modern Slavery, the Australian Government introduced legislation enacting the Act. The Act establishes a Modern Slavery Reporting Requirement on entities who operate in Australia with annual

consolidated revenues of A\$100 million or more. Statements provide information on the risk of Modern Slavery practices in the operations and supply chains and describe the actions taken to address these risks.

Reporting entities are required to publish annual Modern Slavery Statements detailing their actions to address Modern Slavery. This will increase business awareness of Modern Slavery, reduce Modern Slavery risks in Australian goods and services, and drive a business 'race to the top' to improve workplace standards and practices.



OUR STRUCTURE, BUSINESS AND SUPPLY CHAINS

V&V Walsh is a large Australian food and agribusiness with over 500 employees. V&V Walsh services customers and suppliers both domestically and overseas. Our [website](#) provides additional information on our key products and services.



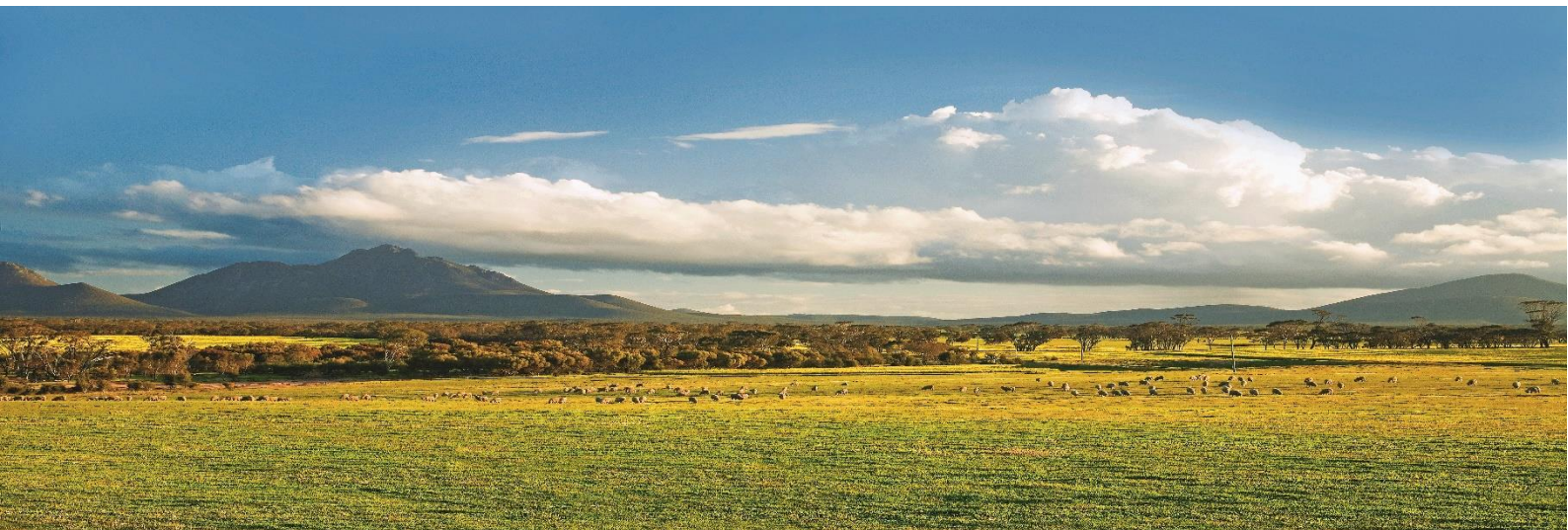
V&V Walsh's Procurement Manager manages the majority of our supplier relationships working with over 300 suppliers across Australia, South Africa, South Korea, Japan, China and more. Where possible, V&V Walsh buys goods and services locally to cover the agribusiness life cycle, including items such as stock, feed, PPE, packaging and chemicals.

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RISK ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION

Our businesses have different Modern Slavery risks depending on various factors, including the mode of labour regularly employed, specific type of industry and geographical location. When a human rights incident occurs, we seek to mitigate the situation as appropriate based on our policies and standards, this may include remediation based on our involvement.

V&V Walsh works with its stakeholders to identify and understand the impacts of its activities, so that benefits can be optimised and negative impacts limited. Due diligence is implemented to prevent and mitigate adverse impacts and V&V Walsh provides access to remedy through effective grievance mechanisms.





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ACTIONS TAKEN

V&V Walsh has established a Modern Slavery Policy which outlines the Minimum Standards that our suppliers should comply with. The Policy encourages suppliers to exceed these standards and promotes best practice and continuous improvement in our operational and supplier contract terms. This Policy was approved by the V&V Walsh Board on 31 March 2021.

Suppliers will be monitored for compliance against our Minimum Standards through our supplier assessment processes. A risk matrix has been developed, aimed at identifying potential sources of Modern Slavery which uses known leading risk factors such as product type, country and industry. The risk matrix also employs reports from global organisations that exist to protect against circumstances that propagate Modern Slavery; such as removal or reduction of political rights, civil liberties and transparency in government.

For suppliers scoring high on this matrix a questionnaire was developed, aimed at determining the next course of action, which may result in the supplier requiring an audit. This in-depth audit requires a V&V Walsh auditor or third party to answer very specific questions around Modern Slavery. V&V Walsh

has invested in the MSA360 software platform to enable it to manage and track its suppliers. We cannot expect to prevent Modern Slavery and other human rights issues in our business and supply chains unless we help our employees, suppliers and other business partners spot, report and address them. This year, V&V Walsh rolled out training to the procurement specialists on identifying Modern Slavery within our supply chains. We extended this training out to key employees and management to help them better understand, identify and report Modern Slavery incidents as well as providing multiple levels of accountability. We continue to provide specialist support to due diligence teams on identifying human rights concerns.

V&V Walsh has a number of mechanisms for employees and third parties to anonymously report suspected or actual illegal activity or breaches of V&V Walsh Policies, including the Code of Conduct. Employees and third parties are able to access an externally operated whistle-blower system by phone, post or email. Each whistle-blower disclosure received is investigated and reported to the Chair of the Audit & Risk Management Committee. V&V Walsh's grievance procedure ensures all grievances are managed in a systematic, fair, timely and transparent manner.





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ASSESSMENT AND EFFECTIVENESS

Several of our processes, including our grievance processes, help track our performance. We are not aware of any Modern Slavery complaints during 2020 through either our site level grievance processes or our whistle-blower reporting.

Industrial relations disputes and grievances, which may cover a range of labour related issues, are tracked through our Human Resources Team. We will consider key performance indicators (KPIs) to help track the effectiveness of actions to prevent and address

Modern Slavery. Conversely, we are not aware of any KPIs for our operations which would incentivise or facilitate Modern Slavery.



LOOKING AHEAD

We will continue to embed the prevention of Modern Slavery into operational as well as our supplier driven processes. We will continue to develop our processes and practices to address this challenging and complex issue.

For our own operations this includes further integrating management of Modern Slavery risks into site-level processes. For our supply chains we will focus on implementing a 'Know Your Supplier' procedure as well as driving compliance with our standards including introducing a Supplier code of conduct.

In addition we aim to:

- raise awareness among our suppliers;
- continue to review our risk assessment and mitigation measures with respect to Modern Slavery; and
- explore ways to better identify and act on risks further up our supply chains.

Peter Walsh
Chief Executive Officer

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