

## **MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT 2019-2020**

### **Introduction**

This is Allied Pinnacle Pty Limited's (ABN 85 161 203 005) first Modern Slavery Statement provided under the Commonwealth *Modern Slavery Act 2018* ('Act').

The purpose of this statement is to outline Allied Pinnacle's approach to establishing and ensuring robust frameworks and processes are in place to minimise the risk of modern slavery in our business operations and supply chain.

Allied Pinnacle recognises that modern slavery can occur in many forms, including slavery, servitude, human trafficking, forced marriage, forced labour, debt bondage, child labour, and deceptive recruiting for labour or services.

We are fully committed to the highest ethical standards across our business and will not tolerate or support any form of modern slavery within our operations or supply chain.

### **About Allied Pinnacle**

We are the leaders in flour, ingredients and delicious bakery products. We bring fun, unique and healthier options to millions of people across Australasia every day and have done so for more than 100 years.

With over a 1,000 employees, we are a team focused on our Mission, to be achieved through six Strategic Pillars:

**Mission:** *To be a world class milling and bakery business delivering our customers and consumers trusted value every day.*

### **Strategic Pillars:**

- *Safety First. Always.*
- *Unwavering focus on quality.*
- *Obsessed with customer.*
- *Operational excellence.*
- *Growth through world leading innovation*
- *People making a difference.*

### **Organisational Structure, Operations and Supply Chain**

Allied Pinnacle is wholly owned by Japan's Nisshin Seifun Group.

Within Australia, Allied Pinnacle consists of a single operational entity.

Allied Pinnacle operates across three main product categories: Flour, Bakery Ingredients (Pre-mixes, Wet and Traded ingredients) and Prepared Bakery (including breads, cakes, cookies, pastries, croissants, muffins, donuts, bagels); with a customer base that includes industrial manufacturers, independent bakeries, food service, retail and export.

Allied Pinnacle manufactures and distributes its products from mills, bakeries and distribution centres located in Australia, utilising wheat from our key growing regions and other raw materials sourced from both national and overseas suppliers.

In addition to its directly employed workforce, Allied Pinnacle's operations are supported by labour hire, short-term contractors, and 3PL/4PL providers as required.

### **Potential Risks of Modern Slavery**

As Allied Pinnacle's first Modern Slavery Statement, we have conducted a preliminary assessment of risk to inform and prioritise supplier engagement and modern slavery risk mitigation activities over the next financial year.

While modern slavery risks can arise in the supply chains of most businesses, we recognise that key risk indicators are commonly associated with the food and beverage industry, including:

- prevalence of base-skilled workers, with high population of migrant backgrounds;
- common utilisation of third-party labour arrangements;
- high-risk product and service categories (eg raw material supply); and
- operations within high-risk geographies (eg areas where human rights and other regulatory frameworks are weak).

Allied Pinnacle owns and operates its own manufacturing and distribution facilities within Australia. As a locally based, highly regulated and auditable compliance environment (for example, in respect of prescribed pay rates, working conditions and safe systems of work), Allied Pinnacle's 'finished' product supply chain represents a very low level of modern slavery risk.

Similarly, where Allied Pinnacle's operations are supplemented by contract labour and services, such arrangements are formed with established and reputable local suppliers with comparable risk profiles.

Within its external supply chain, Allied Pinnacle's highest area of modern slavery risk lies in the area of raw materials. While Allied Pinnacle deals with reputable suppliers, the extended and often offshore nature of raw material supply may mean the originating source/supplier is not readily and directly known or visible to Allied Pinnacle.

### **Actions to address Modern Slavery Risks**

Allied Pinnacle has in place formal policies that promote ethically and legally compliant business conduct. These policies, which mitigate the risk of human rights violations that support modern forms of slavery, include:

- Employee Code of Conduct;
- Equal Employment Opportunity & Workplace Behaviour Policy;
- Ethical Business Conduct Policy;
- Social Responsibility Policy; and
- Whistleblower Policy.

The Whistleblower Policy is further enabled by an independent ‘hotline’ that provides anonymous reporting of unethical or improper business conduct or practice.

Allied Pinnacle’s approach is supported by an ethos of strong community citizenship, which includes partnerships with:

- **Foodbank**, Australia’s largest hunger relief organisation, helping to fight hunger and raise awareness of the issue of food insecurity in Australia;
- **CareerSeekers**, a national non-profit organisation that creates internship opportunities for Indigenous university students;
- **CareerTrackers**, supporting asylum seekers and refugees to establish or re-start their professional careers in Australia; and
- **Animals Australia**, in support of our policy to use 100% cage-free eggs by 2023.

Allied Pinnacle has an approved supplier list and only these suppliers may be used for any stage of production. Approved suppliers (and any new supplier) are required to act and conduct their business consistent with our ethical and social responsibility policies, including:

- No child or forced labour;
- Compliance with labour laws applicable to the jurisdiction;
- Employee rights of freedom of association and to bargain in accordance with applicable law; and
- Respect for human rights through appropriate non-discriminatory policies and practices.

Allied Pinnacle has zero tolerance for suppliers who breach these standards and will terminate arrangements with any supplier who fails to immediately and satisfactorily remedy issues of modern slavery.

### **Assessing the effectiveness of our Actions**

We monitor the effectiveness of our actions to remove the risk of modern slavery from our operations and supply chain by:

- Investigating any reports received from employees, the public, or law enforcement agencies that indicate the existence of modern slavery practices;
- Having our policies, procedures and practices subject to external ethical auditing. Allied Pinnacle is subject to SMETA (Sedex Members Ethical Trade Audit) auditing, which assesses our operations against Labour, Health & Safety, Environment and Business Ethics standards;
- Remediation and management reporting of breaches identified by internal/external audit programs or Whistleblower sources;
- Engagement with stakeholders on modern slavery issues or concerns, including procurement team members, suppliers, third-party auditors and customers; and
- Periodic corporate social responsibility risk assessment of our supplier base.



**Our Future Commitments**

Over the next reporting period, our key focus areas for continuous improvement will be:

- Awareness and capacity building for team members on modern slavery risks and issues;
- Reviewing and formalising ethical sourcing policies and practices;
- Engaging with key suppliers to gain greater transparency of modern slavery risks and their mitigation activities; and
- Assessing improvements to existing supplier assurance processes.

*This Modern Slavery Statement was approved by the Board of PFG Topco1 Pty Limited (ABN 35 604 317 875) at its meeting of 22 October 2020, as the principal governing body of Allied Pinnacle Pty Limited.*

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**Rob Rogers**  
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