

Modern Slavery Statement Quiksilver Australia Pty Ltd



Quiksilver Australia Pty Ltd (**'the Company'**) (ABN: 20 091 136 195) makes this statement on behalf of all Australian reporting entities including its wholly owned subsidiaries Ug Manufacturing Co Pty Ltd and GSM Operations Pty Ltd which are under common ownership and control of the Company. The Company's registered office and principal place of business is 5 Billabong Place, Burleigh Waters, Queensland, Australia.

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Boardriders Inc, a Delaware, USA registered company with its principal place of business in California USA.

This statement has been prepared in consultation with key stakeholders within the business and is made in accordance with the *Modern Slavery Act (Cth) 2018 ('the Act')* and outlines the actions taken by the Company to identify, assess, and address modern slavery risks across our operations and supply chain.

This statement is the Company's second modern Slavery Statement covering the financial year period between 1 November 2021 to 31 October 2022 ("**Reporting Period**"). During the Reporting Period the Company has continued to make progress in relation to identifying, assessing, and address modern slavery risks across our operations and supply chain as outlined in this statement including, but not limited to, the work of the recently formed ANZ Modern Slavery Committee ("**ANZ MS Committee**") and further investigated ways to improve the Company's existing supply chain framework to mitigate any potential modern slavery risks.

Structure and operation

Boardriders Inc, is the parent of a group of global companies (**'the Group'**) which includes the Company. The Group has over 4,000 employees worldwide and operates in approximately 90 countries. The Group designs, develops and distributes an extensive range of branded clothing, footwear, accessories and other products under the Quiksilver, Billabong, Roxy, DC Shoes, RVCA, Element and Von Zipper brands whose images and names are closely associated with boardriding sports and lifestyle.

The Company and its Australian subsidiaries, design and procure products which are then supplied through established retail, wholesale and ecommerce channels. In Australia, the Company and its subsidiaries have over 1650 employees, and operate over one hundred and forty (140) mono branded or multi-branded stores and over nine (9) website platforms. Of those employees, approximately 80% are retail staff. The remaining staff perform corporate functions, provide store or sales support, or work in our major warehouse.

The Group is committed to operating responsibly and in compliance with all laws. Prior to the Australian legislative requirement to prepare a modern slavery statement, the Group had existing policies and practices to address some modern slavery issues within the Group's global supply chain. In addition, the Group supported a modern slavery statement in compliance with the United Kingdom's *Modern Slavery Act* and complied with its obligations under the *California Transparency in Supply Chains Act*. The Company acknowledges its obligation to identify and manage modern slavery risks in Australia and this statement outlines our progress to date.

Company consultation and governance framework

Pursuant of section 16(1)(f) of the Act, the Company is required to describe the process of consultation with any entities that the Company owns or controls. As at the end of the Reporting Period, the Company is the parent entity for thirty-two entities which are registered in and operate within Australia and New Zealand ("**the ANZ Group**").

The ANZ Group has largely remained unchanged from the previous reporting period. The Company, as parent, is the only entity which meets the reporting threshold requirement under the Act and the ANZ Group operates under and shares the same common management and central governance model. Therefore, all entities within the ANZ Group are controlled and managed through the Company (and the wider Group), including management decisions around issues such as modern slavery. In light of this governance framework, the decisions of the Company are effectively the decisions of the ANZ Group, so consultation is not needed between the Company and the ANZ Group – as it is essentially one in the same management and central governance model.

In terms of consultation involving individual stakeholders within the Company, the Company continues to have ongoing ANZ MS Committee meetings (discussed further below), comprising of various relevant Company key management personnel with the purpose of discussing modern slavery issues and modern slavery risk mitigation within the ANZ Group.

Supply chain

During the Reporting Period the Company's operations and supply chain structure has remained consistent with the previous reporting periods (including 2020 to 2021).

In this respect, the Company's primary operations are retailing (though bricks and mortar stores and ecommerce) and wholesaling finished products. All finished products are acquired from specialist third party manufacturers or suppliers.

The Company also acquires a range of goods and services from suppliers other than finished products to support its business. Set out below are the key types of finished products and other goods and services most commonly acquired by the Company.

Finished products acquisition

Finished goods	Detail
Boardriders 'home' brands	Finished products designed using Group owned brands and sourced directly from specialist third party manufacturers. For example, Quiksilver boardshorts or Roxy wetsuits.
Third party brands	Finished products sourced from third party suppliers such as surf hardware or other products that are sold in Company operated retail stores. For example, Adidas footwear or Go Pro cameras.

Goods and services acquired, other than finished goods

Goods and services type	Detail
Freight and storage	Freight and storage services used to transport and store finished products and other goods and services.
Employees and contractors	The Company has a range of employment and contract positions in order to support its business.
Licensees	Store and wholesale licensees.
Leasing	Retail office and warehouse leasing.
Store fitout	Company store fitouts and building out wholesale account in store brand areas.
Information technology	Third party hardware, software & ecommerce related services.
Advertising & marketing	Advertising and marketing services including digital and print.
Corporate services	Professional services & banking.
Operations	General operational requirements such as electricity, cleaning, repairs and maintenance and business consumables.

Modern slavery risks and supply chain action

Outlined below are risks of modern slavery that may be present in the Company's categories of procurement, the level of risk identified through risk assessment and the relative prioritisation of these categories for further work.

Finished goods for resupply	Identified risks	Priority and action
Boardriders 'home' brands	The Company recognises inherent risks of modern slavery in the footwear and apparel sectors. These include risks associated with labour standards for farming and processing certain commodities such as cotton and for manufacturing and procurement of footwear and apparel generally. Additionally, the Company notes that the economic and social impacts of COVID-19 may have increased modern slavery risks in some parts of its operations and supply	High – continue to ensure all home brand suppliers have agreed to the BEST terms and take steps to ensure ongoing audit of compliance with those terms. Extra attention is required to assess new short term suppliers that are engaged by the Company

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	<p>chain which have needed to adapt and respond to changing health, economic and trade circumstances.</p> <p>In order to address these types of issues, the Group has a long standing commitment to conducting its business in an ethical and legal manner. In 2004 the Group developed a compliance manual entitled 'Boardriders Ethical Standards of Trade' (BEST) (formerly 'Quiksilver Ethical Standards of Trade' (QUEST)) which covers social responsibility, compliance and sustainability that apply to the Group's licensees, vendors and factories around the world. In particular, the manual includes a 'supplier workplace code of conduct' which requires all suppliers to act ethically and reasonably in all respects, to meet their legal obligations as employers to their employees and workers, and to do their best to ensure that no abusive, exploitative or illegal conditions exist at their workplaces or at factories where Boardriders' products are produced.</p> <p>Annually, we evaluate all of our direct manufacturing suppliers to verify that they are not at risk for violating anti-slavery and human trafficking laws. Our in-house BEST team spearheads that verification process, using an internally developed assessment tool. This tool helps us to categorize suppliers using a grading matrix system aligned to each clause of Boardriders' Supplier Workplace Code of Conduct. This is a risk-profiling process in order to grade suppliers and alert management if a violation is detected, so that immediate action can be taken including termination with the supplier to protect the supply chain. The Group also rely on input from our independent factory auditors, particularly in jurisdictions where there is a higher risk of modern slavery, to assess these risks and vulnerabilities. In addition, the Group BEST team conducts ongoing employee and management training specifically covering mitigating risks of human trafficking and slavery within the Group's supply chain.</p> <p>All Group home brand suppliers are audited prior to engagement by Boardriders Group. If a supplier is not in a high risk country (as defined by World Bank's Worldwide Governance Indicators) and can provide evidence of an audit conducted by an accredited independent company, the Group may waive a separate audit requirement depending on the content of the audit. The Group monitors supplier behaviour and compliance with BEST, notably every year in high risk countries through an independent external contractor who carries out unannounced audits and also by ongoing monitoring. Unless suppliers meet these requirements, they cannot obtain an "active" status with Boardriders Group.</p> <p>The manual has been periodically updated with a goal to help educate the Group's supplier's about ethical principles and to work towards continuous improvement in this area.</p>	<p>due to COVID-19 circumstances. For example, if finished goods need to be produced by a supplier not typically used by the Company or the Group due to supply or other circumstances, then appropriate diligence must be completed on the new supplier before making the appointment.</p>
Third party brands	<p>The Company generally has greater insight and influence over finished goods manufactured and procured of its home brands than it does for the third party brands it acquires. The third party brands the Company supplies are commonly global organisations and the sales made by those organisations to the Company make up only a small proportion of those organisations overall sales and in many of those relationships, the Company only has a limited level of insight into the supply chains of those organisations. Because the Company supplies a greater proportion of home brand products than it does third party brands, it has historically prioritised reducing modern slavery risk associated with its home brand products.</p>	<p>High – continue to seek agreement from third party suppliers to commit to modern slavery compliance.</p>

Finished goods for resupply	Identified risks	Priority and action
	Over the course of the Reporting Period, the Company has elevated reducing modern slavery risk associated with its procurement of finished goods from third party brands as well as other goods and services acquired.	

Other goods and services	Identified risks	Priority and action
Freight and storage	Modern slavery risks associated with freight, warehousing and distribution activities can arise from the use of labour hire services which have been linked to deceptive recruitment and forced labour of vulnerable populations, including migrant and low-skilled workers.	Medium – ongoing monitoring and scrutiny of activities of existing freight and storage suppliers. Attention is required to assess new short term supplier's that are engaged by the Company due to COVID-19 circumstances. For example, if finished goods need to be air freighted by a new supplier when they are typically transported via sea then appropriate diligence must be completed on the new supplier before making the appointment.
Employees and contractors	<p>The Company is required to comply with the employment and industrial relations laws of Australia. The majority of staff that work in our stores are employed under employment Awards. The Company maintains robust policies and procedures that govern corporate and employee behaviour including audit processes.</p> <p>The Company also engages a variety of contractors in various capacities including in its warehouse. The Company has a less comprehensive level of insight into modern slavery compliance with those individual contractors and the labour hire services.</p>	Medium – adherence to policies and procedures to ensure all employees and contractors are afforded protection from modern slavery. Attention is required to review the terms and commitments of contractors and contractor firms.
Licensees	<p>The Company has a less comprehensive level of insight into modern slavery compliance with licencees than it does with its own supply chain.</p> <p>The BEST policies outlined above apply to licencees.</p>	Medium - adherence to policies and procedures to ensure all licencees are compliant.
Leasing	Terms of a lease do not typically cover modern slavery but there are aspects of some landlord services provided to the Company under a lease such as cleaning, repairs and maintenance that may carry modern slavery risk.	Low – ancillary services are a by-product of a lease and further due diligence to assess risk is required.
Store fitout	Modern slavery risks exist associated with store fitouts. Factors including the working conditions of those producing store fixtures and fittings and the frequent use of migrant or lower-skilled labour to install store fitouts.	Low – store fitouts are managed by third party fitout specialists in Australia. Further due diligence to assess risk associated with fitout sourcing and subcontractor fitout installation teams is required.
Information technology	Limited risks were identified in IT services provided by Australian-based suppliers but the Company and the Group also procure IT services from outside Australia. The Company does not have a comprehensive level of insight into modern slavery compliance of IT service providers providing services to the Company from outside of Australia.	Low - The Company has a large team of Australian based IT specialist employees and also employees under global shared IT functions. Further due diligence to assess modern slavery risk associated with IT services provided from outside Australia is required.

Other goods and services	Identified risks	Priority and action
Advertising & marketing	A major part of the advertising and marketing functions are handled in-house. Limited risks were identified as the Company uses primarily Australian based third party service providers.	Low –Further due diligence to assess modern slavery risk associated with advertising and marketing services provided from outside Australia is required.
Corporate services	A major part of the corporate services functions is handled in-house .Limited risks were identified as the Company uses primarily Australian based third party service providers.	Low - Further due diligence to assess modern slavery risk associated with corporate services provided from outside Australia is required.
Operations	A major part of the operations is handled in-house. Possible risks of modern slavery associated with migrant and vulnerable workers in cleaning services.	Low – Further due diligence to assess modern slavery risk associated with operations provided within Australia and outside Australia are required.

Challenges During the Reporting Period

Throughout the Reporting Period there were two major challenges which the Company encountered, including:

(i) *Impact of COVID-19 pandemic:*

Whilst the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic began to subside during the Reporting Period, the impact on the Company (and the ANZ Group more broadly) was still present. Notwithstanding this, offices and retail stores were reopened with staff returning to in-person work (mixed with work from home arrangements) and travel returning.

During this period the Company has been conscious of the potential risks the COVID-19 pandemic may have in relation to exacerbating modern slavery risks within the Company's supply chains. In regard to sourcing of products from overseas suppliers during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Company (and the wider Group) has relied on its existing processes, including BEST and Boardriders' Supplier Workplace Code of Conduct, as well as the Group's global regional team's expertise in those regions to ensure that such suppliers remain in compliance with modern slavery obligations. Whilst Boardriders has not encountered any actual instances of the modern slavery risks during the Reporting Period caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Company still continues to monitor its impacts and outcomes.

(ii) *Logistical matters and supply chain challenges*

In addition to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Company, like many other businesses of a similar nature, has been working through ongoing logistics and supply chain challenges. Whilst these challenges eased over the Reporting Period, the Company did have to deal with shutdowns and reduced labour force availability. These logistical and supply chain challenges have been and are continuing to be managed by the Company through the use of BEST and Boardriders' Supplier Workplace Code of Conduct, as well as the Group's global regional team's expertise in those regions – so as to ensure the Company's ongoing compliance with modern slavery obligations.

Actions undertaken during Reporting Period

Modern slavery risks present a challenging and complex range of issues. As noted in the last reporting period's Modern Slavery Statement, the Company has some relatively mature and robust measures to combat modern slavery in high priority and high impact areas of its business but acknowledges more work can be done in those areas and in areas that have been identified in this statement as lower priority. The Company is committed to continuous improvement in relation to modern slavery risk management and has reported on progress achieved during the current reporting period. Further ongoing monitoring, engagement with stakeholders on this topic and improvement action will enable the Company to evaluate the effectiveness of action.

The actions undertaken by the Company during the Reporting Period to identify, assess, and address modern slavery risks across our operations and supply chain include:

Action	Further Detail
ANZ MS Committee	The Company has established the ANZ MS Committee comprising of key management personnel within the Company. The purpose of the ANZ MS Committee is, amongst other things, to meet bi-annually to:

	<p>(i) discuss matters relating to modern slavery;</p> <p>(ii) investigate ways to further develop the Company's modern slavery processes and procedures; and</p> <p>(iii) address any reported or suspected instances of modern slavery within the business (if any) and consider appropriate courses of action to resolve such incidences.</p>
<i>Review of existing material contracts</i>	The Company periodically reviews its material distribution and supply contracts to ensure matters associated with modern slavery are addressed. The Company legal team has also undertaken a review of existing supply contracts to ensure adequate contractual mechanisms are in place to deal with modern slavery risks under such arrangements.
<i>Consultation with other Group regions on modern slavery</i>	The Company continues to have consultations with its other global business units in the Europe and the America's regions to ensure global coordination across the Group on matters relating to modern slavery obligations as they apply in different regions. It is the Company's belief that this global co-ordination is key to ensure consistency across the Group and the sharing of pertinent information and experiences will help to mitigate modern slavery risks within the Group.
<i>Inclusion of Modern Slavery requirements into material agreements</i>	Similar to last Reporting Period, the Company continued to negotiate 'modern slavery' provisions into material contracts. These clauses seek to obtain comfort from contracting parties about modern slavery compliance. The Company has also considered and negotiated modern slavery surveys and contractual terms proposed by its contracting counter parties.
<i>Reviewing existing sourcing practices and BEST</i>	The Company, along with the wider Group, continued to be involved with reviewing existing sourcing practices and BEST procedures to ensure that the approach to continually improve and mitigate any modern slavery risk associated with the Company.
<i>Reviewing online materials and how other reporting entities are dealing with Modern Slavery</i>	The Company worked on reviewing various online Modern Slavery resources and what other reporting entities have been doing in terms of modern slavery reporting. The purpose of this process is to determine if there are any other possible modern slavery risk mitigation measures, which can also be adopted by the Company.

The Company acknowledges there is further work to be done to address the issue of modern slavery. Nonetheless the Company is pleased to advise that there have been no reported or suspected instances of modern slavery within its supply chains for the Reporting Period.

Additionally, should a potential modern slavery risk present itself following an audit of a supplier or, if for instance, a supplier was not meeting the Company's BEST standards, depending on the circumstances, that supplier would be required to implement a Corrective Action Plan ("CAP"). The BEST team works with suppliers throughout the assessment process and factory management is educated and assisted on any non-compliance issue encountered during an applicable audit. If the Company does not see appropriate progress by a supplier in resolving non-compliance issues in the CAP, the Company may terminate the business relationship with the supplier.

Approval

This statement was approved by Gregory Healy as sole director of the Company, Quiksilver Australia Pty Ltd, on 31 March 2023.



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 Director of Quiksilver Australia Pty Ltd and Boardriders Asia Pacific President