

## Modern Slavery Statement 2022

**Respecting Ethical Business Practices** 



EBOS Group acknowledges the Traditional owners of country throughout Australia and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their cultures and to their Elders past, present and emerging. THIS PAGE IS INTENTIONALLY BLANK

## Introduction

EBOS Group Limited (EBOS) is the largest and most diversified Australasian marketer, wholesaler and distributor of healthcare, medical and pharmaceutical products. It is also a leading marketer and distributor of recognised animal care brands.

Servicing the needs of thousands of customers across Australia and New Zealand, EBOS is committed to building better communities through an unwavering commitment to the provision of high-quality healthcare and animal care products. We are committed to the highest standard of conduct in all of our business activities, and to promoting and supporting a culture of honest and ethical behaviour and corporate compliance, including throughout our supply chain. As a leading healthcare and animal care company in Australia and New Zealand, we recognise our responsibility to lead by example.

This is EBOS's Modern Slavery Statement for the reporting period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 (FY2022). It outlines the steps that we have taken to identify, manage and mitigate the specific risks of modern slavery in our operations and supply chains. We are committed to continuous improvement and will build on the foundations set out in this statement to implement further initiatives to identify, manage and mitigate risks relating to modern slavery.

EBOS Group Limited (NZ Company Number 120844/ ARBN 166 840 973) is listed on the New Zealand and Australian stock exchanges and is the parent company of a number of entities that it controls and on whose behalf this Modern Slavery Statement is made (see section F). A reference to EBOS in this Modern Slavery Statement includes those entities. Some of the entities within the Group are not reporting entities for the purposes of the Australian Modern Slavery Act 2018, however, we have adopted a "whole of business" approach and this Modern Slavery Statement applies to the operations of all entities within the Group.

On 31 May 2022, we announced the successful completion of the acquisition of LifeHealthcare, Australian Biotechnologies and Transmedic. LifeHealthcare is one of the largest independent distributors of third-party medical devices, consumables and capital equipment and in-house manufactured allograft material in Australia, New Zealand and Southeast Asia. We plan to assess and integrate the modern slavery measures of LifeHealthcare within the broader EBOS Group over the next reporting period. Therefore, this Modern Slavery Statement does not include any reporting requirements for LifeHealthcare. LifeHealthcare will address its reporting requirements for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 by way of its own Modern Slavery Statement.

This Modern Slavery Statement was approved by the Board of EBOS Group Limited.

## A. Our business, operations and supply chains

EBOS's main business is as a marketer, wholesaler and distributor of healthcare, medical and pharmaceutical products to customers in Australia and New Zealand. In addition, it is also a leading marketer and distributor of recognised animal care brands. The Group's broad portfolio of businesses also includes businesses that provide support to the healthcare and animal care sectors in which it operates.

EBOS's core operations can broadly be categorised as falling into two segments:

- Healthcare: sale of healthcare products in a range of sectors, own brands, retail healthcare, pharmacy services and wholesale activities;
- Animal Care: sale of animal care products in a range of sectors, own brands, retail and wholesale activities.

The businesses that form part of each segment is set out on the following pages:

## **EBOS Group Overview**

EBOS' success is built on a diverse range of industry leading brands spanning community pharmacy, institutional healthcare, contract logistics and animal care.



EBOS's head office is located in Christchurch, New Zealand. EBOS has approximately 3,900 employees and our businesses and functions operate from 77 locations in New Zealand, and Australia.<sup>1</sup>

Our employees are engaged either under contract or under awards or collective agreements. Across New Zealand and Australia, we have a number of collective agreements and we engage proactively with unions.

EBOS, by the nature of its business, sources significant quantities of goods from third party suppliers that it then distributes as a wholesaler or distributor. It also sources a wide range of finished products, ingredients and other materials from third party suppliers for its "own brand" manufacturing and retail businesses.

Our supply chains are extensive and sometimes complex, with a high proportion of our supply chain for our Healthcare segment comprising goods sourced from large global pharmaceutical companies and manufacturers based in regions including Europe, the United States and India and Asia. We also source from businesses located in Australia and New Zealand. Our "own brand" businesses source goods produced locally (being New Zealand) as well as internationally, including geographic locations such as Europe, India and Asia.

There are also a number of third party suppliers that provide services to EBOS to support its business operations, ranging from IT companies, construction, cleaners to freight carriers.

As part of addressing the risk of modern slavery in our operations and supply chains, we are looking to progressively develop a clearer supply chain picture to better demonstrate geographically the location of goods sourced.

# B. Our actions to assess and address our modern slavery risks (including due diligence and remediation)

The range of goods and geographic locations associated with the supply of goods may potentially have implications for modern slavery risks in our supply chain. We have adopted and continue to implement a risk based approach in relation to determining the ongoing strategy for identifying and putting systems and controls in place to identify and address modern slavery risks in the supply chain. In keeping with a continuous improvement approach, the systems and controls are reviewed annually to address emerging risks. In general, risks of modern slavery in our supply chain are relatively low due to the highly regulated nature of the pharmaceutical and medical supplies industry. However, we have assessed that those goods and services that we procure from certain geographical regions may have an elevated risk of exposure. The goal of EBOS' strategy on ethical sourcing is to engage with suppliers that are aligned with our corporate values on protecting Human Rights.

As a leading healthcare and animal care company in New Zealand and Australia, EBOS recognises its responsibility to lead by example and to manage its business in a manner that reflects the expectations of our stakeholders.

In the 2020- 2021 financial year (FY2021), EBOS commenced the development of a formal Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Program. In August 2022, EBOS released its second Sustainability Report (a copy of which is available on the Company's website) which reported on the progress made on several new initiatives to deliver the ESG Program.

Many of the on-going initiatives EBOS will undertake as part of its ESG Program builds on work done over many years. The intention of the ESG Program is, to formalise this activity in a way that is measurable and can be accurately reported on. Importantly, EBOS will also seek to highlight areas where the Group can improve thereby enabling more structured governance, evaluation and disclosure as part of our approach to responsible corporate leadership. The ESG Program has five pillars being:

- Health & Animal Care Partners
- Consumers & Patients
- Community & Environment

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As at 30 June 2022. Includes all offices and warehouses in Australia and New Zealand.

- o Our People
- Responsible Business

The Consumers & Patients pillar includes measures related to ethical trading of goods and services, including managing risks regarding modern slavery. Accordingly, the risks related to modern slavery will be monitored as part of our broader ESG Program.

The Board of Directors approves, oversees and monitors EBOS' sustainability framework and strategy, including the ESG Program outlined in this report and climate related risks and opportunities.

The Chief Executive Officer and his Executive Leadership Team are responsible for the delivery of the ESG Program. The Committee comprises senior executives that are responsible for implementing our ESG Program and strategies, benchmarking and evaluating our performance and evaluating emerging sustainability risks and opportunities for the Group.

In FY2022, sub-strategies were developed and enhanced to deliver on our ESG Program, including in relation to ethical sourcing. In particular, the ethical sourcing sub-strategy is focused on enhancing our structured framework to assist business units with evaluating suppliers on ESG compliance and performance in addition to commercial assessments. Initially the roll out of this initiative is focused on our Animal Care business.

If an instance of modern slavery has been identified in our supply chain, this will be escalated, and we will address the situation in a timely manner and in line with EBOS's values and standards.

#### **Corporate Governance Policies**

In addition to the ESG Program, EBOS's current governance framework includes policies which are relevant to addressing modern slavery.

#### **Code of Ethics**

The EBOS Code of Ethics, which was reviewed by the Board in FY2022, sets out a framework of expected behaviours that reflect the Group's values. It covers expectations in relation to the conduct of EBOS people, particularly in relation to acting honestly, with integrity and in accordance with law. The Code is supplemented by detailed policies and procedures addressing various policy areas of direct relevance to the Group's ESG Program. Any material breaches/matters of the Code are to be reported to the Audit and Risk Committee. The Code is provided to all our employees, officers and business partners upon commencement of their employment or appointment with us.

In addition, our businesses continue to seek out opportunities to implement measures related to the Code such as requiring suppliers to comply with the principles set out in the Code of Ethics.

#### Whistleblower Protection Policy

Willingness to speak up when something is wrong is central to our corporate culture of honesty and integrity. EBOS' Whistleblower Protection Policy states that EBOS is committed to the highest standards of conduct and ethical behaviour in all of our business activities. The policy provides a mechanism for raising and appropriately addressing issues if they arise.

#### **Employment Policies**

EBOS has a number of employment related policies which are relevant to addressing labour standards and clearly articulates its expectations in relation to those standards in its operations. These policies reflect EBOS' commitment to building an engaged, diverse and talented workforce and ensuring responsible and ethical behaviour in all areas of our business.

#### Workplace Discrimination, & Bullying Policy

The intention of this policy is to support a working environment which is free from unlawful discrimination, harassment, sexual harassment, bullying, vilification and victimisation and where all workplace participants are treated with dignity, courtesy, and respect.

#### **Workplace Gender Equality Policy**

EBOS supports the concept of gender equality in employment and in the workplace. The intent of this policy is to promote gender equality (including equal renumeration) and removal of barriers to full and equal participation of women in the workforce.

#### **Diversity & Inclusion Policy**

EBOS is committed to developing and creating a more inclusive workplace that embraces and celebrates diversity and inclusion.

The policy reflects our vision to create an environment that promotes diversity and an environment that is safe, inclusive and is reflective of the communities in which we operate.

The Diversity and Inclusion Policy sets out the guiding principles and areas of focus that underpin our approach to developing a diverse workplace.

#### **Recruitment and Selection Policy**

The policy was refreshed in FY2022 and outlines the principles and procedures for the attraction of talent and the recruitment and selection of employees. The principles and procedures are designed to ensure that the recruitment process is consistent and offers equal opportunity in all circumstances.

#### **Procurement of services**

We are continuing to progressively implement updates to our Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and procurement guidelines across the Group to address modern slavery requirements in on-boarding service providers (for example, service providers at our warehouse operations like cleaners and maintenance service providers). We will continue to look for opportunities to formalise this requirement for service providers with whom we engage.

Modern slavery requirements will continue to be progressively included as an agenda item at review meetings with the Group's main service providers, such as freight carriers.

We are in the process of enhancing our structured framework to assist business units with evaluating suppliers on certain aspects of ESG compliance and performance.

#### **Procurement of goods**

EBOS has implemented processes to obtain a warranty from third party suppliers that the production and supply of their products do not contravene any modern slavery laws. Such warranties are being included, where relevant and where possible , on EBOS entity procurement portals. These statements also include an acknowledgment that a third party supplier has read, understood and agrees to comply with the EBOS Code of Ethics when doing business with us. Where suppliers have declined to provide such an acknowledgement and warranties, our businesses have engaged with those suppliers to better understand the position. In some instances, this has been because the relevant third party has in place its own robust systems and processes to address modern slavery risks. We can report that a significant number of our suppliers through our pharmaceutical wholesale business have now provided such warranties. We will continue to work with our businesses to identify and implement other opportunities to encourage transparency in our supply chains.

We are continuing to utilise our due diligence questionnaire across various business units to be issued to their suppliers and reviewed by each business once completed. Where concerns are raised, these are escalated and further considered.

While we appreciate that we cannot control all actions of our suppliers, we expect our suppliers to treat their employees with dignity and respect. By engaging with our suppliers in relation to modern slavery, this raises awareness and communicates to them our expectations and standards.

#### **Contractual Requirements**

Our standard form contracts to the extent applicable to the relevant business units now incorporate modern slavery clauses. We are continuing to work with third parties to seek to include modern slavery requirements in any third party contracts provided to us for the supply of goods where appropriate.

Our modern slavery clauses typically include the following:

- o warranties that no slavery is used anywhere in the supplier's business or in its supply chain;
- warranties that the supplier will apply ethical sourcing practices and take reasonable steps to identify modern slavery risks in its operations;
- an obligation to notify EBOS in the event of a breach, or allegation of a breach of, modern slavery laws; and
- the right to terminate by EBOS for breach of the above obligations and warranties.

#### Managing our tendering requirements

We continue to implement, as part of the tendering process for EBOS work, a requirement for prospective tenderers to complete a due diligence questionnaire. Our focus has been in respect of major EBOS projects such as construction and IT related projects as well as significant supply arrangements and we will look to embed this into a more structured framework across the Group in the next reporting period.

#### **Training of EBOS employees**

Modern slavery awareness training was provided "face to face" as part of the EBOS Legal Compliance Training Framework for the FY2021 reporting period. In FY2022, we implemented online Integrity Training to ensure that our employees fully understand EBOS policies and can confidently uphold legal and regulatory requirements. Modern slavery awareness is planned to be included in the next tranche of training as part of our broader Integrity Training program.

#### Inspections for manufacturing sites

A small number of EBOS entities outsource the manufacturing of "own brand" products. We have identified that there may be a risk of modern slavery in some of these third party operations, particularly where the outsourcing of manufacturing is to overseas third parties based in high risk jurisdictions. For those third party manufacturing sites, EBOS is implementing due diligence measures to assess third party compliance with modern slavery requirements. The disruption caused by COVID-19 has continued to mean that physical site inspections have not been possible for the current reporting period. Given the uncertainty and changing circumstances that COVID -19 presents, EBOS sought opportunities to implement a process whereby an onsite audit will be facilitated locally as part of the regulatory quality audit process. We will continue to consider and explore opportunities for more formally implementing physical inspections as part of the EBOS requirements for dealing with third party's during the next reporting period.

#### **Investing for growth**

A key pillar of EBOS' strategy is investing for growth, including by acquisitions in Healthcare and Animal care. As part of EBOS' integration process, the measures outlined in this statement are considered in the context of the newly acquired businesses and gradually embedded into the business in a structured manner.

### C. Measuring our effectiveness

Whilst we have commenced the process of raising awareness within our business as well identifying risks where modern slavery may arise, we understand that this is an ongoing process and we will continue to

deepen our understanding of the risks of modern slavery in our operations and supply chains as we continue to engage with our suppliers in relation to the measures that have been taken for this reporting period.

We continue to monitor the responses that we are receiving in relation to our due diligence measures and we will continue to build on those measures throughout the next reporting period. Across our various businesses (where relevant) we have been able to engage with the majority of suppliers that supply us with products either via the due diligence questionnaire, supplier portals or contractual requirements. For the reporting period FY2022, we are pleased to report that a significant majority of suppliers in our pharmaceutical wholesale supply chain have provided assurances with respect to the modern slavery requirements in relation to the products that form part of that supply chain.

We are confident that the measures that we have implemented have served as a foundation to raise the awareness in our business to the risks of modern slavery.

As we build on the scope and structure of our modern slavery framework through the formal ESG Program, we expect further improvements in our processes and procedures and our ability to measure and report on the effectiveness of the measures adopted.

## **D.** Consultation and collaboration

EBOS operates a number of diversified businesses. We are continuing to engage with the appropriate organisational representatives to communicate expectations, raise awareness and understand how best to implement the measures in a manner that is meaningful and appropriate within the context of the relevant business. For example, for some businesses, it is more appropriate to implement contractual measures with suppliers, rather than a requirement to complete the due diligence questionnaire.

We continue to actively listen to and engage with our suppliers in relation to their feedback and comments where appropriate.

We anticipate that the ESG Program will provide further opportunities for consultation and collaboration, both internally and with external parties which we will look to embed as we enhance our structured approach.

### E. Our next steps

EBOS will continue to build on the initiatives that it has implemented over the coming year. Specifically, we will look to further embed these initiatives throughout our businesses and look to refine the ability to provide measures of their effectiveness through the framework of the formal ESG Program.

We will also explore mechanisms to measure the effectiveness of initiatives that have been implemented and will continue to work with our suppliers to raise awareness as well as seek opportunities to engage further with industry.

We are committed to consistently working towards ensuring that there is transparency in our approach to addressing the risk of modern slavery in our operations and supply chains.

#### Signed on behalf of EBOS Group Limited and the subsidiaries listed in section F by

Elizabeth Coutts Chair

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23 August 2022

## F. Entities within EBOS Group

#### New Zealand

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#### **New Zealand Company Number**

Clinect NZ Pty Limited	5248181
EBOS Medical Devices NZ Limited	7688556
Endeavour Consumer Health Limited	2336947
Masterpet Corporation Limited	8582
PRNZ Limited	1715066
Pharmacy Retailing NZ Limited	49549

## Australia

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#### Name

## Australian Company Number

A.C.N. 618 208 969 Pty Ltd	618 208 969
Alchemy Holdings Pty Ltd	604 670 493
Alchemy Sub-Holdings Pty Ltd	604 695 365
Beaphar Pty Ltd	145 508 729
BFCMC Pty Ltd	622 474 855
Blackhawk Premium Pet Care Pty Ltd	150 390 686
Botany Bay Imports Exports Pty Ltd	128 341 980
CC Pharmacy Investments Pty Ltd	128 459 030
CC Pharmacy Management Pty Ltd	128 459 049
CC Pharmacy Promotions Pty Ltd	154 871 753
Chemmart Holdings Pty Ltd	614 007 288
Chem Plus Pty Ltd	008 274 557
Cincotta Holding Company Pty Ltd	169 308 070
Clinect Pty Ltd	150 558 473
Collaboration Medical Clinics Investments Pty Ltd	603 715 000
Collaboration Medical Clinics Pty Ltd	622 474 435
Developing People Pty Ltd	115 878 227
DoseAid Pty Ltd	129 958 934
EAHPL Pty Ltd	164 521 617
EBOS Aesthetics Pty Ltd	645 058 840
EBOS Group Australia Pty Ltd	125 401 247
EBOS Health & Science Pty Ltd	003 274 502
EBOS Medical Devices Australia Pty Ltd	635 893 720
EBOS PH Pty Ltd	613 974 253
Endeavour CH Pty Ltd	003 631 669
Fibertech Medical Australia Pty Ltd	157 788 362
Healthcare Supply Partners Pty Ltd	631 884 609
Hospharm Pty Ltd	136 875 922

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	HPS Brands Pty Ltd	167 204 962
	HPS Corrections Pty Ltd	159 945 936
	HPS Finance Pty Ltd	169 377 986
	HPS Holdings Group (AUST) Pty Ltd	158 830 641
	HPS Hospitals Pty Ltd	158 418 038
	HPS IVF Pty Ltd	156 303 561
	HPS Services Pty Ltd	160 438 559
	Intellipharm Pty Ltd	001 235 374
	Klinic Solutions Pty Ltd	130 793 261
	Lite Living Pty Ltd	166 526 370
	LMT Surgical Pty Ltd	092 902 111
*	Lyppard Australia Pty Ltd	007 008 906
*	Masterpet Australia Pty Limited	000 333 353
	Masterpet Logistics Pty Ltd	146 338 418
	MD Solutions Australasia Pty Ltd	099 040 874
	MD Scopes Pty Ltd	113 630 381
	Mega Save Management Pty Ltd National Surgical Pty Ltd	128 266 437 078 902 217
	Nexus Australasia Pty Limited	115 828 941
	PBA Finance No. 1 Pty Ltd	624 432 471
	PBA Finance No. 2 Pty Ltd	168 983 597
	PBA Wholesale Pty Ltd	157 770 244
*	Pet Care Distributors Pty Ltd	125 265 769
*	Pet Care Holdings Australia Pty Ltd	000 060 364
	Pet Care Wholesalers Pty Ltd	637 762 077
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	Pets International Pty Ltd	002 960 330
	Pharmacy Brands Australia Pty Ltd	109 700 263
	Qpharma Pty Ltd (previously Aristopet) Richard Thomson Pty Limited	145 418 882 115 059 179
	Sentry Medical Pty Ltd	003 634 991
*	Symbion Pty Ltd	000 875 034
	Surgical and Medical Supplies	007 707 128
*	Terry White Group Pty Ltd	136 808 243
	Tony Ferguson Weight Management Pty Ltd	166 526 665
	TW&CM Pty Ltd	136 833 620
	TWC IP Pty Ltd	136 833 611
	Ventura Health Pty Ltd	169 307 975
	VIM Health Pty Ltd	166 525 659
	VIM Health IP Pty Ltd	166 527 555
	Vitapet Corporation Pty Limited	079 725 143
	W & W Management Services Pty Ltd	606 748 047
	Warner And Webster Pty Limited	004 518 156
	You Save Management Pty Ltd	125 763 680
*	ZAP Services Pty Ltd	132 014 174
*	ZHHA Pty Ltd	131 957 269
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#### Other

Shanghai EBOS Trading Co Ltd (formerly Shanghai EBOS Business Management Co. Ltd)

#### LifeHealthcare

Pacific Health Supplies TopCo1 Pty Limited	624 030 897
Pacific Health Supplies TopCo Pty Limited	624 032 051

This Modern Slavery Statement does not include other LifeHealthcare entities for reporting purposes. Please refer to the LifeHealthcare Modern Slavery Statement for the reporting period 30 June 2021 to 1 July 2022.

\*Reporting entities as at 30 June 2022