

Modern Slavery Act 2015

Societe Generale Equipment Finance Limited Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement for the financial year ending 31 December 2017

MESSAGE FROM GILES TURNER, MANAGING DIRECTOR

Societe Generale Equipment Finance Limited (“SGEF”) believes that being a responsible company lies at the heart of our business. Being responsible must be tangible in each of our decisions, positions and actions. Our mission is to offer the best equipment finance solutions to the business market in the UK. Our success in doing so relies on people, whether they are employees, contractors or any other stakeholders, therefore respecting human rights and dignity is at the very core of our mission.

INTRODUCTION

This statement has been issued in response to the Modern Slavery Act which came into force on 29 October 2015. The act requires the disclosure by certain qualifying entities, in an annual statement, of the steps taken to prevent modern slavery from occurring in their own operations and in their supply chains.

OUR GROUP

Societe Generale Equipment Finance Limited (“SGEF”) sits within the financial services arm of Societe Generale and is the equipment finance business line of the Societe Generale group. Societe Generale has a universal banking model based on complementary businesses around the world, (including retail banking, corporate and investment banking, financial services, insurance, private banking and asset management.) It is one of the leading financial services groups in Europe, with a presence in 67 countries, the group has 145,125 employees worldwide.

OUR SUPPLY CHAINS

In 2017 our total purchases amounted to £3.4m. The main purchasing categories were IT (software and services and premises. We work with large international groups, SME’s and group companies to fulfil our purchasing needs in the UK.

Following a risk assessment of its supply chain, SGEF does not believe that it has any suppliers that present a greater risk than “minimal risk” of slavery and human trafficking. This risk assessment has been repeated in 2018.

SGEF POLICIES

As part of the Societe Generale group, SGEF follows Societe Generale’s relevant Group-wide policies which address the reduction of the risk of human rights violations, these include the following:

- Societe Generale’s Code of Conduct, which commits to respect human rights (including those relating to slavery and human trafficking) and to comply with the rules established by the International Labour Organisation;
- The Worldwide agreement on fundamental human rights and trade union rights signed between Societe Generale and UNI Global Union.

within its own business and that of its suppliers. We believe that there is a very low risk of slavery and human trafficking taking place within SGEF or our supply chain.

This statement is made pursuant to section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes SGEF's slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ending 2017.

On 21 June 2018



Giles Turner

Managing Director

Societe Generale Equipment Finance Limited

WEB CHANGE REQUEST FORM

Marketing

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Requested By	Sue Ford	
Date Requested	21/6/18	
Page url where changes are to be made	https://www.equipmentfinance.societegenerale.co.uk/en/about/our-corporate-social-responsibility/modern-slavery/	
Describe changes to be made	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New text/attachment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Replacement text/attachment Please add the new Modern Slavery Statement signed by Giles in June 2018 – Please Call this Modern Slavery Statement 2017 Please change the title of the MS statement already on the website from Modern Slavery Statement – May 2017 to Modern Slavery Statement 2016	
Date changes are to go live	Must be by 30/6/18	
Approved by	Signed	Date
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