# **Modern Slavery Statement - 2024**

This Modern Slavery Statement is provided by Beverage Services Limited (**BSL**) subsidiary of The Coca-Cola Company (**TCCC**, together referred to as **the Company**), for the calendar year 1 January to 31 December 2024 pursuant to the obligations under the *Modern Slavery Act 2015*.

#### **Organisation Structure**

TCCC is a total beverage company with products sold in more than 200 countries and territories. The Company aims to responsibly source and manufacture products in compliance with our global policies and principles stated in this report.

The Company does not own, manage or control most local bottling partners. The Company and its bottling partners are collectively known as the Coca-Cola system. Together, the system employs more than 700,000 people, helping bring economic opportunity to local communities worldwide. BSL provides services to TCCC to support the marketing and beverage quality standards of TCCC's beverage brands that are prepared, packed, and sold in Great Britain by TCCC's authorised bottler, Coca-Cola Europacific Partners Great Britain Limited.

BSL's registered office is located at 1A Wimpole Street, London W1G 0EA employing approximately 245 employees. BSL does not own or control any other entities.

#### **Policies & Principles**

The Company's Human Rights Policy, Supplier Guiding Principles, and Principles for Sustainable Agriculture prohibit the use of forced and child labour. The Human Rights Policy applies to Companyowned and controlled operations worldwide and clearly articulates our corporate commitment to respect human rights in our own operations. The Supplier Guiding Principles (SGPs) apply to our direct suppliers and independent bottlers and align with our overall vision for respecting human rights. The Principles for Sustainable Agriculture (PSA) set expectations of our agricultural ingredient suppliers in their operations and beyond direct suppliers to help drive their continuous performance improvement. The PSA address sustainability challenges specific to agriculture and are founded on principles to protect the environment, uphold human and workplace rights, and help build more sustainable communities. Together these policies are designed to establish a strong and cohesive global foundation for the Company.

The SGPs are embedded into contractual agreements and purchase orders between the Company and all direct suppliers. The Company expects direct suppliers and independent bottlers to develop and implement appropriate internal business processes to ensure compliance with the SGPs. We monitor the implementation of our SGPs by utilizing independent third parties to assess compliance at bottling plants and direct suppliers of ingredients and packaging

Our policies and practices align with the United Nations Guiding Principles (UNGP) on Business and Human Rights. TCCC has publicly supported the UNGP on Business and Human Rights from their inception. We continue to focus on all components deemed necessary in a corporate context outlined under the UNGPs.

This framework is the foundation of our policies and programs related to human rights. We continuously strive to demonstrate our commitment through our sustainability and community initiatives.

### **Modern Slavery Risks**

Certain sectors of the business and geographical areas run a higher risk of employing workers who may be vulnerable to the risk of modern slavery. For example, certain geographical areas tend to employ migrant workers, who are at higher risk of modern slavery as they can often be trapped by debt or have their government paperwork withheld. Independent third-party auditing firms review a range of topics including:

- Recruitment process to ensure workers are not charged fees.
- Ensure identity documents including passports, are not withheld.
- No inappropriate or excessive wage deductions.
- Hours of work including maximum overtime hours and overtime wage rates.
- Living conditions, if applicable.
- Legalities regarding terminating employment.

The parts of our supply chain where we have limited visibility, notably agriculture, present the highest risk of modern slavery. We follow-up to ensure appropriate measures are taken to address any findings through direct remediation, supplier engagement and broader initiatives including bringing industry peers together to help address systemic issues.

#### **Due Diligence & Audits**

Identifying, preventing and mitigating human rights impacts, including forced and child labour, is a critical aspect of our program. As part of this ongoing due diligence, the Company utilizes independent onsite third-party audits to verify compliance with our policies. Each year, TCCC facilitates more than 2,000 third-party audits of Company locations, franchise bottlers and direct suppliers, and has facilitated more than 40,000 third-party audits since the audit program began in 2003. Onsite assessments include document review, facility walkthrough, meetings with management, and confidential interviews with employees and onsite contract workers. Our audit guidelines require auditors to select employees from different production lines and duties within the facility, employees of different genders, ethnic or religious backgrounds. Protection of the workers in the process is of utmost importance. Worker participation in interviews is voluntary, and the interviews are strictly confidential with no reference to the employee's name when findings are disclosed to management. Interviews are conducted in a private location that guarantees separation from management influence.

If a Company, supplier or bottling partner facility fails to uphold any aspect of the audit requirements, implementation of corrective actions is required within an agreed-upon time frame. Any serious non-compliance is managed by the regional team lead and escalated, as needed, to the global level for further action. Corrective action plans should include a root cause analysis, the actions to be taken to prevent future non-compliance and the assignment of a person responsible for implementation. These corrective action plans are tracked and require an in-person or remote re-audit to determine if improvement has occurred. Generally, follow-up assessments occur within six months and if serious non-compliances are identified, a re-audit is scheduled after a year to ensure compliance is sustained.

The Company reserves the right to terminate an agreement with any supplier unable to demonstrate compliance with our SGP requirements.

#### Access to Remedy

The Company is determined to empower our employees to do the right thing, and we have created a comprehensive system of reporting grievances. Company employees are provided multiple internal mechanisms to report violations of Company policy or law. The Company provides third-party services to allow employees and workers in the supply chain to report violations in multiple languages via KOethics.com, 24 hours a day (the "Ethics Line"). The Ethics Line is a global web and telephone information and reporting service. Telephone calls are toll-free, and the Ethics Line is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with translators available.

Access to remedy is a critical element of our human rights program. Where we have caused or contributed to forced or child labour, we seek to remediate or engage with suppliers and bottlers to remediate.

#### **Awareness and Training**

The Company provides a series of human rights training sessions, informational videos, regional specific webinars and regular updates on human rights issues and developments for our employees worldwide, including senior managers across key functions such as procurement and sustainability. Upon hire, employees are also provided with our Code of Business Conduct, which holds each employee to a high ethical standard of integrity. These resources help to embed, at both the corporate and operating unit levels, a practical understanding of fundamental human rights, our human rights policies and programs, and how we as a company can improve respect for human rights within our own operations and throughout the Coca-Cola system and value chain. Our goal is a proactive approach to human rights, where our employees are empowered with the knowledge to make decisions that help advance the Company's human rights approach. In addition to educating our own employees, the Company conducts local training sessions for our suppliers and bottling partners, addressing our expectations of them and our audit program.

Geographies are deemed high risk for forced labour if SGP audits uncover specific indicators and/or if there is a large proportion of migrant workers. In these high-risk geographies, we may conduct focused training on forced labour. These trainings cover requirements under the Consumer Goods Forum (CGF) Priority Principles, including no passport retention; no recruitment fees; and clear communication of employment terms prior to hire. Further training on forced labour – designed and delivered by the Fair Labour Association – was rolled out as part of the CGF Human Rights Coalition for operations in high-risk geographies and covers the Priority Principles. Additional information about the coalition work is provided here <a href="https://www.theconsumergoodsforum.com/social-sustainability/human-rights-ending-forced-labour/about/">https://www.theconsumergoodsforum.com/social-sustainability/human-rights-ending-forced-labour/about/</a>.

#### **Ensuring Effectiveness**

#### Measuring Progress

We routinely publish metrics related to our human rights program including the percent of direct suppliers that have demonstrated adherence to our SGPs through an independent audit and percent of our priority commodities certified to our Principles for Sustainable Agriculture. Together these metrics help measure the effectiveness of our human rights program.

This reporting criterion related to consulting entities owned or controlled on this statement is not applicable.

This statement has been approved by the Board of Directors of BSL.

## Yours sincerely,

Helen Clark

