

Quintessa

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Disclosure Materials

Certified B Corporations must complete a Disclosure Questionnaire to identify potentially sensitive issues related to the company (e.g. historical fines, sanctions, material litigation, or sensitive industry practices).

This component does not affect the company's score on the B Impact Assessment. If the company answers affirmatively to any items in the Disclosure Questionnaire that B Lab deems relevant for public stakeholders, then, as a condition of their certification, the company must:

- Be transparent about details of the disclosure issues identified on the company's public B Impact Report
- 2) Describe how the company has addressed this issue
- 3) Demonstrate that management practices are in place to avoid similar issues from arising in the future, when necessary.

In all cases, the Standards Advisory council reserves the right to refuse certification if the company is ultimately deemed not to uphold the spirit and integrity of the community.

In addition to the voluntary indication of sensitive issues in the Disclosure Questionnaire, companies pursuing Certification also are subject to a background check by B Lab staff. Background checks include a review of public records, news sources, and search engines for company names, brands, executives/founders, and other relevant topics.

Sensitive issues identified through background checks may or may not be within the scope of questions in the Disclosure Questionnaire, but undergo the same review process and are subject to the same possible review by the Standards Advisory Council, including ineligibility for B Corp Certification, required remediation, or disclosure.

B Lab's Public Complaints Process

Any party may submit a complaint about a current B Corp through B Lab's Public Complaint Process. Grounds for complaint include:

- 1) Intentional misrepresentation of practices, policies, and/or claimed outcomes during the company's certification process
- 2) Breaches of the B Corp Community's core values as expressed in our Declaration of Interdependence

This document contains a copy of the company's completed Disclosure Questionnaire and related disclosure documentation provided by the company.



Disclosure Questionnaire

Industries and Products

Yes No Please indicate if the company is involved in production of or trade in any of the following. Select Yes for all options that **Animal Products or Services** $\boxed{}$ **Biodiversity Impacts** \square Chemicals \square **Disclosure Alcohol** $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Firearms Weapons** $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Mining** $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Pornography** $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Tobacco** $\boxed{}$ **Energy and Emissions Intensive** $\boxed{}$ Industries Fossil fuels \square Gambling **Genetically Modified Organisms** $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ Illegal Products or Subject to $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ **Phase Out** Industries at Risk of Human **Rights Violations Monoculture Agriculture** $\boxed{}$ **Nuclear Power or Hazardous** $\boxed{}$ **Materials** Payday, Short Term, or High \square **Interest Lending Water Intensive Industries** $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ Tax Advisory Services

Outcomes & Penalties

	Yes	No	
Please indicate if the company has had any formal complaint to a regulatory agency or been assessed any fine or sanction in the past five years for any of the following practices or policies. Check all that apply.			
Anti-Competitive Behavior		N.	
Breaches of Confidential Information		\searrow	
Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption		N	
Company has filed for bankruptcy		N	
Consumer Protection		N	
Financial Reporting, Taxes, Investments, or Loans		N	
Hazardous Discharges Into Air/Land/Water (Past 5 Yrs)		N	
Labor Issues		N	
Large Scale Land Conversion, Acquisition, or Relocation		\searrow	
Litigation or Arbitration		N	
On-Site Fatality		N	
Penalties Assessed For Environmental Issues		N	
Political Contributions or International Affairs		N	
Recalls		N	
Significant Layoffs		N	
Violation of Indigenous Peoples Rights		N	
Other		\checkmark	



Practices

	Yes	No
Please indicate if the following statements are true regarding whether or not the company engages in the following practices. Check all that apply. If the statement is true, select "Yes." If false, select "No."		
Animal Testing		\checkmark
Company/Suppliers Employ Under Age 15 (Or Other ILO Minimum Age)		N
Company prohibits freedom of association/collective bargaining		\searrow
Company workers are prisoners		\searrow
Conduct Business in Conflict Zones		\checkmark
Confirmation of Right to Work		V
Does not transparently report corporate financials to government		V
Employs Individuals on Zero-Hour Contracts		V
Facilities located in sensitive ecosystems		V
ID Cards Withheld or Penalties for Resignation		N
No formal Registration Under Domestic Regulations		V
No signed employment contracts for all workers		\vee
Overtime For Hourly Workers Is Compulsory		V
Payslips not provided to show wage calculation and deductions		V

	Yes	No
Sale of Data		\triangleright
Tax Reduction Through Corporate Shells		V
Workers cannot leave site during non-working hours		\searrow
Workers not Provided Clean Drinking Water or Toilets		N.
Workers paid below minimum wage		\checkmark
Workers Under Bond		\checkmark
Other	✓	

Supply Chain Disclosures

	Yes	No
Please indicate if any of the following statements are true regarding your company's significant suppliers.		
Business in Conflict Zones		\checkmark
Child or Forced Labor		\checkmark
Negative Environmental Impact		\checkmark
Negative Social Impact		V
Other		\checkmark



Disclosure Questionnaire Statement

Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Others - Clients in Controversial Industries

Topic	Company serves clients in Controversial Industries
Summary of Issue	Quintessa is a management consultancy company and works with clients in controversial industries such as Water Utilities, Alcohol, Animal Products and Services and Mining. Their products can also be sold to non-controversial industries.
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	 For the fiscal year 2023, the revenue generated from clients in controversial industries accounted for less than of 13% of the company's overall revenue: Clients operating in the water utilities represented approximately 0.51%. Clients operating in the alcohol industry represented approximately 6.9%. Clients operating in the animal products and services industry represented approximately 2.56%. Clients operating in the mining industry represented approximately 2.57%.
Impact on Stakeholders	Companies that work with clients in controversial industries can indirectly increase the harmful impact to stakeholders by enabling business growth. Therefore, companies that work with clients in these industries should have practices in place to ensure that their impact is aimed at decreasing the negative impacts of the industry. B Lab has flagged the involvement of companies with clients in controversial industries as a material issue and new standards will be created to address possible risks related to this matter.
Implemented Management Practices	The company's policy towards working with clients in controversial industries is to do so when the services provided generate a positive social and environmental impact through the implementation of sustainable innovation solutions.
Report	See our case of application of sustainable solutions in industries: https://www.quintessa.org.br/case-ambev-aceleradora100



Management Comments

We support the industries to reduce their socio-environmental damage and increase their positive impact on society.