

# smol Limited

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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.

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 $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Alcohol** $\square$ **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 $\square$ **Rights Violations Monoculture Agriculture** $\square$ **Nuclear Power or Hazardous** $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ **Materials** Payday, Short Term, or High **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		$\vee$	
Breaches of Confidential Information		V	
Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption		N.	
Company has filed for bankruptcy		$\checkmark$	
Consumer Protection		V	
Financial Reporting, Taxes, Investments, or Loans		N	
Hazardous Discharges Into Air/Land/Water (Past 5 Yrs)		N	
Labor Issues		V	
Large Scale Land Conversion, Acquisition, or Relocation		N	
Litigation or Arbitration		V	
On-Site Fatality		V	
Penalties Assessed For Environmental Issues		N	
Political Contributions or International Affairs		N	
Recalls		V	
Significant Layoffs		V	
Violation of Indigenous Peoples Rights		V	
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		
Company/Suppliers Employ Under Age 15 (Or Other ILO Minimum Age)		V
Company prohibits freedom of association/collective bargaining		V
Company workers are prisoners	V	
Conduct Business in Conflict Zones		$\searrow$
Confirmation of Right to Work		V
Does not transparently report corporate financials to government		K
Employs Individuals on Zero-Hour Contracts		V
Facilities located in sensitive ecosystems		N
ID Cards Withheld or Penalties for Resignation		V
No formal Registration Under Domestic Regulations		V
No signed employment contracts for all workers		V
Overtime For Hourly Workers Is Compulsory		V
Payslips not provided to show wage calculation and deductions		V

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

## 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		V
Child or Forced Labor		$\checkmark$
Negative Environmental Impact		<b>✓</b>
Negative Social Impact		V
Other		V



## **Disclosure Questionnaire Statement**

**Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Industry Disclosure** 

Topic	Prison Labor
Summary of Issue	smol is a UK-based company that sells laundry and cleaning products for household use. In 2022, smol started working with East Sutton Park Open Prison, with the Release On Temporary Licence (ROTL) scheme, whereby they offer paid employment opportunities to people in prison close to finishing their sentence. The practices adopted in the production were not fully in line with <u>B Lab's Prison Industry and Labor Controversial Issue Position Statement</u> .
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	smol has worked with 2 ROTL employees, representing 2% of their total employees. Both roles were full-time, fully paid, and their contracts ended in November 2023.
Impact on Stakeholders	While some stakeholders have indicated that prison labor is inherently unjust or coerced, others have highlighted the potential benefits of such programs, such as the potential to assist people who are incarcerated to reintegrate into society. Among the risks and issues involved in prison labor arrangements highlighted by ILO are coercion, wages, work conditions, health and safety and post-release benefits.
Implemented Management Practices	The company has discontinued their partnership with ROTL after the contract with their two employees ended in November 2023.
Other Management Comments	The 2 ROTL placements were not affected by decision to stop offering placements. Both ROTL placements were granted parole and the ROTL placement ended upon their release from prison.  Both women on ROTL placements were offered permanent employment at smol from the end of their ROTL placement. Both have accepted the employment offer with one woman starting her employment contract 6 days later. The other woman is currently unable to commute from where she has been allocated approved premises and plans to return to work at smol within three months of her release. Information has been shared with both people's Parole Officers to assist them in being able to return to the local area and



comply with the requirements of their parole.

Season ticket loan (travel assistance) has been arranged for one person to support them with increased travel costs while staying in approved premises.

A temporary reduction in working hours has been agreed to support their commute from approved premises. The company continues to support both women in their release from prison, and ensure successful, long term employment at smol.