

# **Davines**

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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		<b>V</b>	
Breaches of Confidential Information		N	
Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption		V	
Company has filed for bankruptcy		V	
Consumer Protection		V	
Financial Reporting, Taxes, Investments, or Loans		V	
Hazardous Discharges Into Air/Land/Water (Past 5 Yrs)		N	
Labor Issues			
Large Scale Land Conversion, Acquisition, or Relocation		N	
Litigation or Arbitration		N	
On-Site Fatality		$\searrow$	
Penalties Assessed For Environmental Issues		V	
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		K
Company/Suppliers Employ Under Age 15 (Or Other ILO Minimum Age)		V
Company prohibits freedom of association/collective bargaining		$\searrow$
Company workers are prisoners		$\triangleright$
Conduct Business in Conflict Zones		$\checkmark$
Confirmation of Right to Work		V
Does not transparently report corporate financials to government		$\searrow$
Employs Individuals on Zero-Hour Contracts		K
Facilities located in sensitive ecosystems		N
ID Cards Withheld or Penalties for Resignation		\
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		$\vee$
Tax Reduction Through Corporate Shells		V
Workers cannot leave site during non-working hours		V
Workers not Provided Clean Drinking Water or Toilets		N
Workers paid below minimum wage		N
Workers Under Bond		<b>V</b>
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		V
Negative Environmental Impact		V
Negative Social Impact		$\checkmark$
<u>Other</u>	$\checkmark$	



## **Disclosure Questionnaire Statement**

## Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Operations in High Risk Contexts

Topic	Application of moratorium on companies operating in Russia and Belarus
Summary of Issue	Davines has two distributors in Russia, both of which have exclusive contracts with Davines (or its subs).
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	Davines has had these contracts for years and while they initially paused operations at the start of the conflict, they decided to resume sales to their distributors due to the dependence of these distributors to Davines' products. At the beginning of 2022, their Russian distributors employed around 250 people.
Impact on Stakeholders	High-risk contexts are characterized by institutional weakness, political instability, insecurity, armed conflict, widespread violence, or other risks of harm to people. Business can cause, contribute to, or be directly linked to a myriad of human rights abuses and environmental harms. Because respect for human rights is the internationally recognized minimum or "floor" for responsible business conduct, a business cannot be a force for good if it causes, contributes or is directly linked to human rights violations.  In response to B Lab's moratorium on companies operating in Russia and Belarus, B Lab is in the process of developing standards for companies operating in high risk contexts. The moratorium states, "Companies are required to suspend their operations while also avoiding the negative potential impacts of their decision by maintaining their support for their key, non-complicit stakeholders in Russia or Belarus (at the expense of the company), by for example continuing to financially support their employees and not terminating their contracts." After B Lab's standards are published, all applicable companies, including certified B Corps, will be expected to meet the new standards (certified B Corps have a grace period of one recertification cycle).
Management Practices	When the conflict started, Davines suspended all their activities with Russia for several weeks to assess as an organization the risks and impacts of their decisions on different stakeholders. They decided to resume their operations in Russia due to the impacts suspending their activities would have on their suppliers. In any event, Davines complies with the relevant provisions of the existing European legislation on restrictive measures and sanctions against Russia and Belarus.  The company already was a Certified B Corp at the time the Russia Moratorium was published. B Lab is currently developing new standards for companies operating in high-risk contexts. Davines will properly examine and evaluate those standards once they are published by B Lab.
Management Comments	Davines Group strongly condemns all acts of violence and is deeply saddened and shocked by the humanitarian crisis and the suffering caused by the unfolding of the invasion of Ukraine. Since the beginning of this conflict, our company has been committed to supporting all the Davines Group Community affected by the war by taking concrete measures to be close to our people.  In a nutshell, the actions that Davines took since the beginning of the war are



the following:

- global statement condemning the invasion and the war;
- economic support for the Davines community in Ukraine (i.e., through donations of products);
- helping Davines' clients and distributor employees emigrate and find a place to stay, live and work in Europe;
- donations to the Italian NGO Emergency\*.

\*Emergency is an international humanitarian association which has always been committed to fighting war and its terrible consequences and to promote a culture of peace and respect for human rights. With our donations we supported activities of medical care and psychological assistance to refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine.