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Disclosure Report  
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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:

- 1) 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                                  |
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| Please indicate if the company is involved in production of or trade in any of the following. Select Yes for all options that apply. |                          |                                     |
| Animal Products or Services                                                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Biodiversity Impacts                                                                                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Chemicals                                                                                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Disclosure Alcohol                                                                                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Disclosure Firearms Weapons                                                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Disclosure Mining                                                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Disclosure Pornography                                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Disclosure Tobacco                                                                                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Energy and Emissions Intensive Industries                                                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Gambling                                                                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Genetically Modified Organisms                                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Illegal Products or Subject to Phase Out                                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Industries at Risk of Human Rights Violations                                                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Monoculture Agriculture                                                                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Nuclear Power or Hazardous Materials                                                                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Payday, Short Term, or High Interest Lending                                                                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Water Intensive Industries                                                                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Tax Advisory Services                                                                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

## Outcomes & Penalties

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Yes                                 | No                                  |
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| 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                                                                                                                                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Breaches of Confidential Information                                                                                                                                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption                                                                                                                                                                                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Company has filed for bankruptcy                                                                                                                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Consumer Protection                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Financial Reporting, Taxes, Investments, or Loans                                                                                                                                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Hazardous Discharges Into Air/Land/Water (Past 5 Yrs)                                                                                                                                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Labor Issues                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Large Scale Land Conversion, Acquisition, or Relocation                                                                                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Litigation or Arbitration                                                                                                                                                                                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| On-Site Fatality                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Penalties Assessed For Environmental Issues                                                                                                                                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Political Contributions or International Affairs                                                                                                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Recalls                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Significant Layoffs                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Violation of Indigenous Peoples Rights                                                                                                                                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |



## Practices

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Yes                      | No                                  |
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| 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                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Company/Suppliers Employ Under Age 15 (Or Other ILO Minimum Age)                                                                                                                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Company prohibits freedom of association/collective bargaining                                                                                                                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Company workers are prisoners                                                                                                                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Conduct Business in Conflict Zones                                                                                                                                                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Confirmation of Right to Work                                                                                                                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Does not transparently report corporate financials to government                                                                                                                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Employs Individuals on Zero-Hour Contracts                                                                                                                                                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Facilities located in sensitive ecosystems                                                                                                                                                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| ID Cards Withheld or Penalties for Resignation                                                                                                                                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| No formal Registration Under Domestic Regulations                                                                                                                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| No signed employment contracts for all workers                                                                                                                                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Overtime For Hourly Workers Is Compulsory                                                                                                                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Payslips not provided to show wage calculation and deductions                                                                                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

|                                                      | Yes                                 | No                                  |
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| Sale of Data                                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Tax Reduction Through Corporate Shells               | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Workers cannot leave site during non-working hours   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Workers not Provided Clean Drinking Water or Toilets | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Workers paid below minimum wage                      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Workers Under Bond                                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <a href="#">Other</a>                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

## Supply Chain Disclosures

|                                                                                                             | Yes                      | No                                  |
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| Please indicate if any of the following statements are true regarding your company's significant suppliers. |                          |                                     |
| Business in Conflict Zones                                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Child or Forced Labor                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Negative Environmental Impact                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Negative Social Impact                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other                                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |



# Disclosure Questionnaire Statement

## Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Clients in Controversial Industries

aaff is currently involved or has had involvement within the last five years in providing services and/or products to companies in the following industries considered controversial by B Lab Global: Alcohol, Animal Products or Services, Fossil Fuels (non-coal/oil sands), Pharmaceutical and Tax Advisory Services.

While products and services to clients in controversial industries could help mitigate potential negative impacts or serve only as commonplace goods and services for the companies, they also could have the potential to enable the growth of the industry and indirectly contribute to its negative impacts. Certified B Corps are required to make transparent their involvement in such industries.

Any party aware of specific company practices that have had a negative impact related to its involvement in these or other controversial industries, and which may constitute a violation of the B Corp standards, may contact us via our [public complaints procedure](#).



# Disclosure Questionnaire Statement

## Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Litigation and Arbitration

| <b>Issue Date</b>                                                                         | 2019-2024                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b>Topic</b>                                                                              | Litigations related to Client Contract Disputes and Regulatory Penalties                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Summary of Issue</b>                                                                   | <p>In the last 5 years, the company has been involved in litigations related to customers. The company had also faced non-financial penalties by regulatory bodies.</p> <p>The company has 19 settled cases and currently has 18 pending cases related to claims by clients for wrongful advice provided by the company, and 3 regulatory penalties that were settled through warning and remediations.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Size/Scope of Issue<br/>(e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)</b> | <p>The estimated value of payment for the pending cases of aaff would be &lt;1% of the company's total revenue in the last fiscal year.</p> <p>For each of the cases that have been settled by payment, the value was less than 1% of the company's total revenue in the last fiscal year.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Impact on Stakeholders</b>                                                             | The primary impact in the cases were the potential financial/reputational harm to the clients.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Resolution</b>                                                                         | Cases related to clients were resolved through financial payments and cases related to the regulatory bodies were resolved through following directive instructions and implementing remediation plans.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Implemented Management Practices</b>                                                   | <p>For the litigations and arbitration case related to clients, the company had implemented the following mitigation and remediation plans;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Sharpened focus requested within de organization for conforming services in engagement letters, declaring the General Terms and Conditions applicable for assignments obligatory written recording of verbal advice.</li></ul> <p>For the penalties related to the regulatory, aaff has had an external audit performed on the compliance function and series of improvement measures implemented.</p> |