

# **Bigelow Tea**

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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 $\square$ **Disclosure Alcohol** $\square$ **Disclosure Firearms Weapons** $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Mining** $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Pornography** $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Tobacco** $\boxed{}$ **Energy and Emissions Intensive** $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ <u>Industries</u> Gambling $\square$ **Genetically Modified Organisms** $\square$ Illegal Products or Subject to $\square$ **Phase Out** Industries at Risk of Human $\boxed{}$ **Rights Violations Monoculture Agriculture Nuclear Power or Hazardous** $\square$ Materials Payday, Short Term, or High $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ **Interest Lending Water Intensive Industries** $\square$ **Tax Advisory Services** $\square$

#### **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                                                                                                                                                                                             |              | $\checkmark$     |  |
| Breaches of Confidential<br>Information                                                                                                                                                                               |              | N                |  |
| Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption                                                                                                                                                                                         |              | V                |  |
| Company has filed for bankruptcy                                                                                                                                                                                      |              | V                |  |
| Consumer Protection                                                                                                                                                                                                   |              | V                |  |
| Financial Reporting, Taxes,<br>Investments, or Loans                                                                                                                                                                  |              | N                |  |
| Hazardous Discharges Into<br>Air/Land/Water (Past 5 Yrs)                                                                                                                                                              |              | N                |  |
| Labor Issues                                                                                                                                                                                                          |              | V                |  |
| Large Scale Land Conversion,<br>Acquisition, or Relocation                                                                                                                                                            |              | N.               |  |
| Litigation or Arbitration                                                                                                                                                                                             | $\checkmark$ |                  |  |
| On-Site Fatality                                                                                                                                                                                                      |              | V                |  |
| Penalties Assessed For<br>Environmental Issues                                                                                                                                                                        |              | V                |  |
| Political Contributions or<br>International Affairs                                                                                                                                                                   |              | N                |  |
| Recalls                                                                                                                                                                                                               |              |                  |  |
| Significant Layoffs                                                                                                                                                                                                   |              | V                |  |
| Violation of Indigenous Peoples<br>Rights                                                                                                                                                                             |              | N                |  |
| Other                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |              | $\triangleright$ |  |



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

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



## **Disclosure Questionnaire Statement**

### Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Energy and Emissions Intensive industry

Bigelow Tea is involved in the production/sale of products, or is part of an industry that can potentially be classified as energy and emission-intensive, meaning that they are more likely to have significant impacts on the environment based on their carbon emissions associated with their operations and their contribution to climate change. Certified B Corps are required to make transparent their involvement in such activities or industries.

Any party aware of specific company practices that have had a negative impact related to their involvement in the sensitive industry, and which may constitute a violation of the B Corp standards, may contact us via our public complaints procedure.

For more information about the company's practices, please visit the company's webpage/sustainability report, accessible here.



# **Disclosure Questionnaire Statement**

**Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Litigation** 

| Issue Date                                                                           | 2022-2025                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Topic                                                                                | Class action cases related to Consumer Protection.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Summary of Issue                                                                     | Bigelow Tea is a U.Sbased, family-owned tea company. Over<br>the past five years, the company has been facing two similar<br>class action lawsuits over alleged misleading packaging<br>statements.                 |
| Size/Scope of Issue<br>(e.g. \$ financial implication, #<br>of individuals affected) | For the case currently in the appeal process, the requested value is less than 1% of the Group company's total revenue in the last fiscal year.  The remaining case does not have an estimated amount at this time. |
| Impact on Stakeholder(s)                                                             | The primary impact stakeholder are the consumers.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Resolution                                                                           | One case proceeded to trial, and is currently in the appeal process The remaining case remains pending, and has not gone to trial yet.                                                                              |
| Implemented Management Practices                                                     | After the discovery of the potential issue, the company updated the packaging accordingly.                                                                                                                          |