



## 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 and B Lab deems them to be material, the company must:

- 1) Be transparent about 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 systems are in place to avoid similar issues from arising in the future.

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

In addition to the voluntary indication of sensitive issues in the Disclosure Questionnaire, companies pursuing Certification also are subject to background checks 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

Company Name: Mother Kombucha  
Date Submitted: 07/27/2022

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

  

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		✓
Child or Forced Labor		✓
Negative Environmental Impact		✓
Negative Social Impact		✓
Other		✓

Outcomes & Penalties	True	False
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		✓
Breaches of Confidential Information		✓
Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption		✓
Company Explanation Of Disclosure Item Flags		✓
Company has filed for bankruptcy		✓
Consumer Protection		✓
Financial Reporting, Taxes, Investments, or Loans		✓
Hazardous Discharges Into Air/Land/Water (Past 5 Yrs)		✓
Labor Issues		✓
Large Scale Land Conversion, Acquisition, or Relocation		✓
Litigation or Arbitration		✓
On-Site Fatality		✓
Penalties Assessed For Environmental Issues		✓
Political Contributions or International Affairs		✓
Recalls		✓
Significant Layoffs		✓
Violation of Indigenous Peoples Rights		✓
Other		✓

  

Practices	True	False
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)		✓
Company Explanation Of Disclosure Item Flags		✓
Company prohibits freedom of association/collective bargaining		✓
Company workers are prisoners		✓
Conduct Business in Conflict Zones		✓
Confirmation of Right to Work		✓
Does not transparently report corporate financials to government		✓
Employs Individuals on Zero-Hour Contracts		✓
Facilities located in sensitive ecosystems		✓
ID Cards Withheld or Penalties for Resignation		✓
No formal Registration Under Domestic Regulations		✓
No signed employment contracts for all workers		✓
Overtime For Hourly Workers Is Compulsory		✓
Payslips not provided to show wage calculation and deductions		✓
Sale of Data		✓
Tax Reduction Through Corporate Shells		✓
Workers cannot leave site during non-working hours		✓
Workers not Provided Clean Drinking Water or Toilets		✓
Workers paid below minimum wage		✓
Workers Under Bond		✓
Other		✓



## B Corp Certification - Disclosure Questionnaire Documentation

PROVIDED BY:

Mother Kombucha

UPDATED AS OF:

07/27/2022

<b>DISCLOSURE QUESTIONNAIRE CATEGORY</b>	Environmentally Intensive Industries
<b>TOPIC</b>	Water Intensive Industries
<b>SUMMARY OF ISSUE</b>	As a beverage manufacturing company, Mother Kombucha operates in an industry that is water intensive. Aspects of the industry that make it water intensive include irrigation used in the cultivation of sugar and tea, water used in the production process, and water used for cleaning and sanitation. The company is water intensive because it is packaging a beverage that is composed mostly of water and then have to clean and sanitize all production and packaging equipment.
<b>SIZE/SCOPE OF ISSUE</b> (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	In the previous fiscal year, 99% of Mother Kombucha's revenue was earned from the sale of kombucha beverages
<b>IMPACT ON STAKEHOLDERS</b>	As water intensive industries, beverage manufacturing poses risks such as water stress or depletion of local water sources if water use is not appropriately managed. The company's water is from the city of St Petersburg then goes through a filtration process. According to the World Resource Institute the company's area of Florida is medium to high stress (also what the US averages as a country).
<b>IMPLEMENTED MGT PRACTICES</b>	<p>As a community Florida has watering restrictions during the drier months of the year. The company has a goal for 2022 to track water intensity and is establishing a tracking system of product/total usage and establish target goals for reduction. Some steps the company has taken to minimize its water usage include:</p> <p>Assessing rinse times for equipment using strips to determine when the chemicals are removed. This sets the actual amount needed to effectively clean without being excessive.</p> <p>The company is able to reuse its caustic cleaning solution for several wash cycles rather than making fresh each day, saving on both water usage and chemical usage.</p> <p>Low flow toilets in building</p> <p>Cleaning process for brewing tanks that includes spraying then brushing rather than filling/soaking off.</p> <p>Spray ball cleaning and sanitizing method rather than filling and rinsing</p> <p>Collecting and retaining kombucha product lost from filtering and re-purposing</p> <p>The company has not conducted an assessment that is industry based but would love to know how to do this and put into its plan.</p>