

# **Neo Consulting**

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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** Chemicals $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Alcohol Disclosure Firearms Weapons** $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Mining** $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Pornography** $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Tobacco** $\boxed{}$ **Energy and Emissions Intensive** $\boxed{}$ Industries Gambling $\square$ **Genetically Modified Organisms** $\square$ Illegal Products or Subject to $\square$ **Phase Out** Industries at Risk of Human $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ **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
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>∀</b>
Breaches of Confidential Information		X
Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption		V
Company has filed for bankruptcy		N.
Consumer Protection		$\vee$
Financial Reporting, Taxes, Investments, or Loans		N
Hazardous Discharges Into Air/Land/Water (Past 5 Yrs)		$\checkmark$
Labor Issues		$\searrow$
Large Scale Land Conversion, Acquisition, or Relocation		X
Litigation or Arbitration		$\vee$
On-Site Fatality		V
Penalties Assessed For Environmental Issues		V
Political Contributions or International Affairs		Y
Recalls		$\checkmark$
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		
Company workers are prisoners		$\searrow$
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		$\checkmark$
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		N
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		V
Negative Environmental Impact		$\vee$
Negative Social Impact		$\vee$
Other		$\checkmark$



# **Disclosure Questionnaire Statement**

**Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Other - Clients in Controversial Industries** 

Торіс	Clients in Controversial Industries
Summary of Issue	Neo Consulting provides services related to digital strategy and e-commerce.
	In the last five years, the company has had clients from the Alcohol, Fossil-fuel (non coal/oil sands), Charity Lotteries, For-profit higher education industries, Marketing of breast milk substitutes, Total Life Insurance Products and Pharmaceuticals which are deemed controversial industries by B Lab.
	The services provided to the clients listed relate to improving the efficiency of internal commercial & logistics planning, SEO consulting, google analytics, user-experience services, data strategy & data integration, Customer Relationship Management (CRM) consulting, design support and e-commerce support.
	All of the company's services can be sold to both controversial as well as non-controversial industries.
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	In the fiscal year end of 2024, the company had generated 5.07% of its total annual revenue from clients in the For-profit higher education industry, 15.53% from clients in the Marketing of breast milk substitutes industry, 19.80% from clients in the pharmaceutical industry and 10.97% from clients in the Total Life Insurance industry.
	The last service provided to clients in the fossil-fuels industry was in the year of 2021 and the company had earned 1.32% of revenue.
	The company had generated 2.4% of revenue during the last service it provided to clients in the alcohol industry in 2022 and 1% of revenue in 2023 from clients in the charity lotteries industry.
Impact on Stakeholders	Companies that work with clients in controversial industries can indirectly increase the harmful impact to stakeholders by enabling business growth. Therefore, companies that work with clients in these industries should have practices in place to ensure that their impact is aimed at decreasing the negative



	impacts of the industry.
	B Lab has flagged the involvement of companies with clients in controversial industries as a material issue and new standards will be created to address possible risks related to this matter.
Implemented Management Practices	Neo Consulting has a position of not working with companies in the following industries: tobacco, weapons, betting houses, and casinos.
	The company does not have a specific policy on client screening and due diligence. However, it does keep track of whether its clients are aligned with local and global guidelines based on the nature of the clients' business.
	Regarding the company's clients involved in the marketing of breastmilk substitutes, Neo Consulting has a BMS Policy aligned with the BMS Call to Action Guidelines:  - Covers products designed for use 0-12 months after birth  - Is applied globally  - Is upheld in jurisdictions with less stringent or no regulations, and adheres to national law when those laws are more stringent than the policy.  The company also has the following practices  - For marketing of complementary foods: Include a statement on the importance of continued breastfeeding for up to two years and beyond and the importance of not introducing complementary feeding before 6 months of age.  - There should be no cross-promotion to promote breast milk substitutes indirectly via the promotion of foods for infants and young children.
	For its next recertification cycle, Neo Consulting will be required to implement the following on its BMS Policy: - In case there is evidence of past breaches to Call to Action requirements: Cease providing marketing services for BMS products from client companies that fall under the scope of the BMS Call to Action i.e. products for infants 0-12 months (this includes infant formula and follow on milk)