

# **Blackmores**

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



#### **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		$\searrow$
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		<b>₩</b>
Tax Reduction Through Corporate Shells		✓
Workers cannot leave site during non-working hours		$\checkmark$
Workers not Provided Clean Drinking Water or Toilets		$\vee$
Workers paid below minimum wage		V
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		$\checkmark$
Child or Forced Labor		$\vee$
Negative Environmental Impact		$\vee$
Negative Social Impact		$\checkmark$
Other		$\checkmark$



## **Disclosure Questionnaire Statement**

**Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Recalls** 

Issue Date	2017-2022
Topic	Recalls: Medicines recalled to Consumer Level
Summary of Issue	Blackmores (ANZ) has had 6 recalls in the last five years due to
	<ul> <li>Potential product contamination</li> <li>Liquid product- Separation of Liquid matrix</li> <li>Label Error - Dosage Instruction</li> <li>TGA Recall Request - TGA Raw Material Safety review</li> <li>Probiotic Content failing to meet Label Claim for duration of shelf life</li> <li>Potential product contamination</li> </ul>
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	The total number of products recalled represented 0.0189% of company revenue.
Impact on Stakeholders	The affected products carried a risk to the consumer, most commonly associated with illness and or injury, which may include but is not limited to serious adverse health consequences. 4 of the 6 recalls were considered Class II - Urgent medicine recall by TGA. The other 2 were considered Class III, and the recalled products did not present an imminent risk.
Resolution	Corrective and preventive actions implemented for all recall issues.
Implemented Management Practices	The company is regulated through the Australian authorities (TGA) where the company must meet quality requirements and any recalls are recorded. Blackmores is periodically inspected by the TGA in order to maintain a TGA manufacturing licence.



### **Disclosure Questionnaire Statement**

Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Litigation, Arbitration, and/or Penalties

Issue Date	February 2021
Topic	Penalties related to infringement notices.
Summary of Issue	Blackmores (ANZ) has had 9 separate infringement notices related to advertising of therapeutic products over the last 5 years. The matter was handled by the TGA as a single issue. The business and products the infringement notices were related to, have been sold by the company and the products are no longer marketed or sold by Blackmores Group.
	Three infringement notices were issued arising from the advertising of therapeutic goods for a restricted representation. Two infringement notices were issued arising from the advertising of therapeutic goods for an indication not accepted in relation to the relevant ARTG entry. Two infringement notices were issued for omitting to adhere to a condition of listing of therapeutic goods. Two infringement notices were issued for advertising a therapeutic good via an advertisement that does not comply with the Therapeutic Goods Advertising Code. Further details in the link below.
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	The infringement notices represented a total of AUD119,880; each individual notice was less than AUD100,000, which represented 0.02% of the Group FY21 revenue.  No evidence of individuals impacted by the restricted representations.
Impact on Stakeholders	Consumers.
Resolution	The company paid infringement fines and no longer sells or advertises the particular products.
Implemented Management Practices	At the time of the infringement notice, the product web pages, and advertising were updated to rectify the compliance allegations. Additionally, an external agency JWS was engaged to audit Blackmores and BioCeuticals product range to check compliance consistency in labels, ARTG and product websites. To further review practices advertising compliance controls were audited and reviewed, and recommendations implemented to strengthen existing controls with KPMG.
Report	Global Therapeutics fined \$119,880 for alleged unlawful



	advertising of complementary medicines   Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)
Related Incidents (Yes/No)	No