

# **Komunika Strategy**

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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 $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Alcohol** $\square$ **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		<b>∀</b>	
Breaches of Confidential Information		N	
Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption		N.	
Company has filed for bankruptcy		N.	
Consumer Protection		V	
Financial Reporting, Taxes, Investments, or Loans		$\searrow$	
Hazardous Discharges Into Air/Land/Water (Past 5 Yrs)		V	
Labor Issues		V	
Large Scale Land Conversion, Acquisition, or Relocation		N	
Litigation or Arbitration		V	
On-Site Fatality		V	
Penalties Assessed For Environmental Issues		V	
Political Contributions or International Affairs		V	
Recalls		$\vee$	
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		$\checkmark$
Company/Suppliers Employ Under Age 15 (Or Other ILO Minimum Age)		$\checkmark$
Company prohibits freedom of association/collective bargaining		$\checkmark$
Company workers are prisoners		$\checkmark$
Conduct Business in Conflict Zones		$\checkmark$
Confirmation of Right to Work		$\checkmark$
Does not transparently report corporate financials to government		$\checkmark$
Employs Individuals on Zero-Hour Contracts		$\vee$
Facilities located in sensitive ecosystems		V
ID Cards Withheld or Penalties for Resignation		V
No formal Registration Under Domestic Regulations		$\vee$
No signed employment contracts for all workers		<b>∀</b>
Overtime For Hourly Workers Is Compulsory		V
Payslips not provided to show wage calculation and deductions		$\vee$

	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 Drinking Water or Toilets		N
Workers paid below minimum wage		$\searrow$
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		$\vee$
Child or Forced Labor		V
Negative Environmental Impact		$\vee$
Negative Social Impact		$\vee$
Other		✓



## **Disclosure Questionnaire Statement**

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

Topic	Clients in Controversial Industries
Summary of Issue	Komunika Strategy is a consulting firm with a focus on the area of strategic communications.
	The company has had clients in the Alcohol, Fossil fuels (non coal/oil sands), Pharmaceuticals and Tobacco industries which are deemed controversial by B Lab. The services provided to the clients relate to the design and execution of clients' sustainability strategy, the preparation of clients' sustainability report, internal and external communication support and creation of campaigns in regards to the social and environmental issues.
	The services provided to the clients can be sold to other clients in different industries, including other non-controversial and controversial industries, although it is tailored from one client/industry to another client/industry.
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	In the fiscal year of 2024, the company had generated 8% of total revenue from clients in the alcohol industry, 20% from clients in the fossil-fuel industry, and 5% from clients in the pharmaceutical industry.  The company had generated 1% of total revenue from clients in the tobacco industry in 2023. In 2024, the company does not expect to earn revenues from this industry.
Impact on Stakeholder(s)	Companies that work with clients in controversial industries can indirectly increase the harmful impact on stakeholders of those businesses by enabling their 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.
	Currently, B Lab does not have specific requirements for companies with clients in this/these industries. However, Certified B Corps are required to make transparent their involvement with such clients. As B Lab continues to evolve its standards and due diligence approach for companies with Clients in Controversial Industries, the updated criteria will be



shared with the company once they are finalized. B Lab recognizes that the company began its verification process prior to B Lab developing standards for Clients in Controversial Industries, and, therefore, the company will be required to meet the new standards by their next recertification. Additionally, as of the date of this disclosure, the company has committed to not working with any new companies or projects involved in the controversial industries in question. **Implemented** Komunika currently does not have a formal position on working **Management Practices** with sensitive industries or a policy to move away from them. Komunika abides by its internal policies such as the Code of Ethics, Sustainability Policy and Human Rights Policy and its advisory services are intended to mitigate some of the negative impacts of its clients operating in sensitive industries. Komunika is working towards formalizing a client-screening process. Currently decisions regarding potential clients are made by the Executive Committee that includes the Partners, the General Manager and the Associates of the firm. Together they evaluate each candidate/client/Project, this includes extensive background research, including industry, owners, projects, sustainability goals, recent issues, employees involved in the project etc. Report Sustainability Report 2023 (Spanish) **Management Comments** "KOMUNIKA reaffirms its commitment to maintaining the highest. We pledge to limit future engagements with controversial industries, ensuring our services align with our values and standards. For example: for fossil fuel companies, our collaborations are strictly with those demonstrating a clear commitment to renewable energy goals, actively managing their negative impacts, and working toward a just energy transition. We no longer engage with clients in the tobacco industry and have refocused our work in the alcohol sector, concentrating on responsible consumption initiatives. Across these industries, our services—including sustainability strategy development, sustainability reporting, and internal and external communication support—are centered at promoting positive social and environmental outcomes. KOMUNIKA abides by its



internal Code of Ethics, Sustainability Policy, and Human Rights Policy and we are committed to transparent disclosure of our engagements through our public B Corp profile."