

# **Clade Engineering Systems Group Ltd**

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

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



**Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Litigation** 

Issue Date	2022
Topic	Employer & Public Liability
Summary of Issue	Clade Engineering Systems Group has had 4 work accidents resulting in litigation, involving the public and employees over the last 5 years. Of the 4 cases, 1 has been closed, 3 are still pending.  1. (2019) Employees broke their collar bone whilst working in a supermarket as part of their work. The employee filed a lawsuit against Clade Engineering and the case was settled out of court and the payment was covered by the company's insurance  2. (2020) A member of the public slipped in a supermarket that the company was working on at the time and sustained a shoulder injury. Liability has been accepted (by Clade's insurers) and litigation has not been filed against the company.  3. (2022) Minor factory incident where an employee drilled through his hand while carrying out their job duties. Liability has been accepted (by Clade's insurers) on the basis of the provision of insufficient training and litigation has not been filed against the company.  4. (2020) Employee fell off a cold room roof while working at height due to the customer having a fragile roof next to a solid roof with no edge protection, contrary to industry norms. Liability has been accepted by the company due to a lack of training for working at a height for employees.
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	Of the 4 cases, the total amount of payments made by the company represented <1% of revenue:  • Case 1: The insurer paid £ 948.00 which is <1% of revenue.  • Case 2: The insurers have paid £210 with an O/S reserve of £10,330 which is <1% of revenue.  • Case 3: Insurer O/S reserve of £25,893 which is <1% of revenue  • Case 4: Amount paid by the insurer is £1,540 with an



	O/S reserve of £19,000 which is <1% of revenue.
Impact on Stakeholders	3 Employees & 1 member of public were affected
Resolution	1 settled with payment and 3 open liability cases without current litigation.
Management Practices	<ul> <li>Cases 1 &amp; 2: the company divested the Service &amp; Maintenance side of business and no longer carry out this type of work in operational supermarkets.</li> <li>Case 3: all employees (where applicable) are now required to complete drill hazard and awareness training.</li> <li>Case 4: all employees (where applicable) are required to complete specific working at height training. The company divested the Service &amp; Maintenance side of the business and no longer carry out this type of work in operational supermarkets</li> </ul>
Related Incidents (Yes/No)	No



## **Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Chemical Intensive Industry**

Clade Engineering Systems Group Ltd is involved in the production/sale of products, or is part of an industry that can potentially be classified as chemical intensive, meaning that they are more likely to have significant impacts on the environment, such as pollution of air, land, and water, as well as potential human health risks to those exposed to harmful chemicals if the use and disposal of chemicals are not properly managed. 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.



## Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Energy and Emissions Intensive Industry

Clade Engineering Systems Group Ltd 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.



# **Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Water Intensive Industry**

Clade Engineering Systems Group Ltd is involved in the production/sale of products, or is part of an industry that can potentially be classified as water intensive, meaning that they are more likely to have significant impacts on the environment, such as water stress or depletion of local water sources if water use is not appropriately managed. 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 its involvement in these or other controversial industries, and which may constitute a violation of the B Corp standards, may contact us via our public complaints procedure.