EFM Investments & Advisory

Disclosure Report

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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:

1) 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 apply.		
Animal Products or Services	☐	☑
[Biodiversity Impacts]	☑	☐
Chemicals	☐	☑
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	☐	☑

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	☐	☑
Breaches of Confidential Information	☐	☑
Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption	☐	☑
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

	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	☐	☑
Company/Suppliers Employ Under Age 15 (Or Other ILO Minimum Age)	☐	☑
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	☐	☑

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	☐	☑

Disclosure Questionnaire Statement

Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Biodiversity and/or Monoculture

EFM Investments & Advisory is involved in activities that could affect local biodiversity, meaning that they are more likely to have significant impacts on the environment given its interference with the balance of local fauna and flora. Certified B Corps are required to make transparent their involvement in such practices.

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 Statement

Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Facilities located in sensitive ecosystems

Topic	Company facilities are located adjacent to or in a sensitive ecosystem.
Summary of Issue	EFM is a forest management company and they are FSC certified to manage forests on FSC principles. They engage in forest management in areas that are not deemed sensitive. EFM under management include Conservation area such as "land in certified areas protected from commercial harvesting of timber and managed primarily for conservation objectives (includes both forested and non-forested lands), and High conservation value forests/areas such as "forests or areas containing globally, regionally or nationally significant concentrations of biodiversity values (such as endemism, endangered species, refugia).
Size/Scope of Issue ***(e.g. $ financial implication, # of individuals affected)***	The total forestland under consideration during the FSC audit was 97,052 acres. Out of this, 24.4% (conservation area + high conservation area) was identified as falling within either conservation or high conservation categories.
Impact on Stakeholders	The company's commitment to responsible forest management and certification may boost its reputation and trust among customers and environmental advocates, positively impacting stakeholders.