

Vox Pops International

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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 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** $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ **Materials** Payday, Short Term, or High **Interest Lending Water Intensive Industries** $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ 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		V	
Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption			
Company has filed for bankruptcy		\triangleright	
Consumer Protection		V	
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		K	
Litigation or Arbitration			
On-Site Fatality		V	
Penalties Assessed For Environmental Issues		V	
Political Contributions or International Affairs		K	
Recalls			
Significant Layoffs	V		
Violation of Indigenous Peoples Rights		V	
Other		V	



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)		V	
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		\searrow	
Employs Individuals on Zero-Hour Contracts		V	
Facilities located in sensitive ecosystems		V	
ID Cards Withheld or Penalties for Resignation		V	
No formal Registration Under Domestic Regulations		V	
No signed employment contracts for all workers			
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		\vee
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		\checkmark
Other		\checkmark



Disclosure Questionnaire Statement

Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Others - Disclosure Industries

Topic	Clients in Controversial Industries
Summary of Issue	Vox Pops International is a video production services company offering market research to its clients who has had clients operating in the Alcohol, Fossil Fuel Industry (coal, oil sands), Payday, short term or high interest lending and Tax Advisory Services industries. The client's service has ranged from video production capturing taste tests and illustrating consumer segments for clients in the Alcohol industry, video profiling of a City car to cut down pollution in cities and consumer feedback on products and services sold for clients in the Fossil fuel industry and captures of customer testimonials on how short term financial aid helped client's customers.
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	Clients operating in the Alcohol industry represented less than 1% of the company's revenue in 2019, but 0% in FY2022. Clients in the Fossil Fuel (Coal, oil sands) industry represented 2% of revenue over the past 5 years; Payday, short term or high interest lending clients represented less than 1% of revenue and Tax Advisory Services companies represented 4% of revenue in total over the last 5 years.
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	Vox Pops International indicates that many of the projects carried out for clients in controversial industries have aimed to generate a positive social or environmental outcome. Although the company does not have a formal position statement in relation to working with clients from controversial industries nor a formal evaluation process, it indicates that potential clients are evaluated against the company's morals, and the company



would turn down work with companies that do not align to these morals. Any prospective client or project which may be controversial in any way would be thoroughly discussed by the management team before deciding and proceeding. The company has also ensured employees working on these projects feel comfortable with working on the respective subject matter.

Within their Client and Employee Charters the company commits to be environmentally and socially conscious in all decisions they make and to operate their company responsibly, working towards B Corp Certification by 2023 and Carbon Neutrality by 2024.

Management Comments

Vox Pops International is an ethical company with high standards and moral standing and we expect the same of our staff. We aim to be a very good corporate citizen and give generously to selected charitable organizations. Vox Pops sponsors 2 children through PLAN (www.plan-uk.org) and pays a monthly sum as part of this sponsorship. We also offer special terms for work for some charities and in some cases, carry out work without cost to support charities and the local community.



Disclosure Questionnaire Statement

Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Significant Layoffs of >20% of the Workforce

Vox Pops International Ltd experienced significant layoffs of more than 20% of the workforce within the last five years. Certified B Corps are required to make transparent when such practices have occurred.

Any party aware of specific company practices of this company related to their layoffs that were inappropriate, and which may constitute a violation of the B Corp standards, may contact us via our <u>public complaints procedure</u>.