

# Silk Grass Farms 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 $\square$ **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> 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		$\searrow$	
Breaches of Confidential Information		V	
Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption		N.	
Company has filed for bankruptcy		$\checkmark$	
Consumer Protection		V	
Financial Reporting, Taxes, Investments, or Loans		N	
Hazardous Discharges Into Air/Land/Water (Past 5 Yrs)		N	
Labor Issues		V	
Large Scale Land Conversion, Acquisition, or Relocation		N	
Litigation or Arbitration		V	
On-Site Fatality		V	
Penalties Assessed For Environmental Issues		N	
Political Contributions or International Affairs		N	
Recalls		V	
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		$\vee$
Does not transparently report corporate financials to government		$\searrow$
Employs Individuals on Zero-Hour Contracts		$\searrow$
Facilities located in sensitive ecosystems	N	
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		<b>∀</b>

	Yes	No
Sale of Data		V
Tax Reduction Through Corporate Shells	V	
Workers cannot leave site during non-working hours		N
Workers not Provided Clean Drinking Water or Toilets		$\triangleright$
Workers paid below minimum wage		V
Workers Under Bond		V
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		N
Child or Forced Labor		N
Negative Environmental Impact		V
Negative Social Impact		<b>V</b>
Other		✓



### Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Biodiversity and/or Monoculture

Silk Grass Farms Ltd / Silk Grass Enterprises Ltd 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.



### Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Energy and Emissions Intensive industry

Silk Grass Farms Ltd / Silk Grass Enterprises 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.



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

Silk Grass Farms Ltd / Silk Grass Enterprises 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.



# Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Facilities located in sensitive ecosystems

Silk Grass Farms Ltd / Silk Grass Enterprises Ltd reported having facilities located adjacent to sensitive ecosystems in the past five years. Certified B Corps must make this transparent under their B Corp Profile.

Having facilities located adjacent to sensitive ecosystems can impact the flora, fauna, and quality of the ecosystem (e.g. noise & light pollution from the facilities, spills, air/soil/water pollution owing to the company's operations). In addition to the environmental risks, there is a risk of negatively impacting the local communities.



# **Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Tax Reduction Through Corporate Structure**

Topic	Legal Entity incorporated in the Cayman Islands
Summary of Issue	Silk Grass Farms Ltd / Silk Grass Enterprises Ltd specializes in regenerative farming, land conservation, and food production. The company is registered in Belize with a parent holding company (Silk Grass Holdings Ltd.) incorporated in the Cayman Islands. The company's core business operates in Belize, with no employees or operations in any other country.
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	In the last fiscal year, the overall business tax rate paid by Silk Grass Enterprises Ltd was 1.75%. A lease agreement exists between Silk Grass Farms Ltd and Silk Grass Enterprises Ltd in which the latter is responsible for all costs associated with the property including property tax. The corresponding Environmental Tax was 3% of the value of imported goods and materials.  Income Tax would be payable at the Silk Grass Holdings US LLC level, but because Silk Grass Enterprises Ltd has been operating at a loss in 2023, no income tax was generated or payable.
Impact on Stakeholder(s)	In addition to the many different aspects of value that business provides society, business has an obligation to contribute its share of taxes. This is because business exists within the context of society; its proper role is to serve society, not the other way around. Moreover, healthy businesses can only exist over the long term in a healthy society. A healthy society depends upon public expenditures made possible by taxes.
Implemented Management Practices	The Cayman Islands Company (Silk Grass Holdings Ltd) is a holding company that was established when the US taxpayers purchased Silk Grass Enterprises and Silk Grass Farms, because the prior owners owned the companies through Cayman Island holding companies. There is no tax advantage to using the holding companies, as all current P&L passes through to the US taxpayers.