



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 and B Lab deems them to be material, the company must:

- 1) Be transparent about 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 systems are in place to avoid similar issues from arising in the future.

In all cases, the Standards Advisory council reserves the right to refuse certification if the company is ultimately deemed not to uphold the spirit of the community.

In addition to the voluntary indication of sensitive issues in the Disclosure Questionnaire, companies pursuing Certification also are subject to background checks 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

Company Name: North South Wines

Date Submitted: 9 March 2023

Industries & Products	Yes	No
Please indicate if the company is involved in production of or trade in any the following. Select Yes for all options that apply.		
Animal Products or Services		✓
Biodiversity Impacts	✓	
Chemicals		✓
Company Explanation Of Disclosure Item Flags		✓
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		✓

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		✓

Outcomes & Penalties	True	False
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 Explanation Of Disclosure Item Flags		✓
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	True	False
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 Explanation Of Disclosure Item Flags		✓
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		✓



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North South Wines

UPDATED AS OF:

9 March 2023

DISCLOSURE QUESTIONNAIRE CATEGORY	Environmentally Intensive Industries
TOPIC	Biodiversity Impact
SUMMARY OF ISSUE	As an alcohol beverage wholesaler, North South Wines operates in an industry in which biodiversity impact is a material environmental issue.
SIZE/SCOPE OF ISSUE	which biodiversity impact is a material environmental issue.
IMPACT ON STAKEHOLDERS	North South Wines (NSW) is a wine distributor/importer. They sell business to business to On and Off Trade customers. They import wine from around the world. The production of wine is a agricultural process and effects local biodiversity to NSW suppliers who grow their own grapes. The loss of biodiversity could be from using land for agriculture affecting local fauna and flora, as well as impacting soil biodiversity. NSW does not produce any wine, only imports and sells it within the UK, they do screen their suppliers on their impact on Biodiversity.
IMPLEMENTED MGT PRACTICES	NSW impact on biodiversity is minimal as they use a serviced office, they have put in place an Environmental Management System to monitor their impacts. They collect information from all their significant suppliers on their biodiversity policies and their targets for improvements. They screen all new suppliers on their biodiversity policies and targets. They have targets for all their significant suppliers to have environmental or social certifications by 2025. They have launched a supplier newsletter to share information and techniques in sustainability areas to improve all their suppliers impacts.
MANAGEMENT COMMENTS	North South Wines works closely with our suppliers to ensure their impact on Biodiversity is understood and reduced. All new suppliers are screened on their Biodiversity practices.
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DISCLOSURE QUESTIONNAIRE CATEGORY	Water Intensive Industry
SUMMARY OF ISSUE	As a Alcohol beverage company, New South Wines operates in an industry that is water intensive.
SIZE/SCOPE OF ISSUE	More than 80% of supplier expenses come directly from winery farms.
IMPACT ON STAKEHOLDERS	As a water intensive industry, wine agriculture poses risks such as water stress or depletion of local water sources if water use is not appropriately managed.
RESOLUTION	
IMPLEMENTED MGT PRACTICES	Most of NSW's significant suppliers are from medium to high water stress regions. The water source is from the municipality and ground water (water boring). As for the supplier's water intensity i.e. Litre/unit of product, only some of suppliers track them and conduct an assessment on how it compares with others in their industry. This is also backed by the certification received such as Certified Sustainable Wine of Chile, Sustainable Wine Australia certified, Integrated Production of Wine (IPW) environmental sustainability scheme certified, and Equalitas certification which measures water usage. NSW claims that the remainder of suppliers will strive to track their water intensity in the near future.
REPORT	
MANAGEMENT COMMENTS	North South wines works closely with their suppliers on their water reduction practices. Not all suppliers currently track water intensity against industry benchmarks, they all track usage and have good practices in place to reduce water use and are working towards tracking water intensity in the near future. All new suppliers are screened on the water reduction practices.
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