

Grind Holdings Ltd.

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:

- 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** $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ **Biodiversity Impacts** Chemicals \square **Disclosure Alcohol Disclosure Firearms Weapons** \square **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** $\boxed{}$ Illegal Products or Subject to $\boxed{}$ **Phase Out** Industries at Risk of Human \square Rights Violations **Monoculture Agriculture** \square **Nuclear Power or Hazardous** \square **Materials** Payday, Short Term, or High \square **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		\searrow
Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption		
Company has filed for bankruptcy		\vee
Consumer Protection		V
Financial Reporting, Taxes, Investments, or Loans		V
Hazardous Discharges Into Air/Land/Water (Past 5 Yrs)		V
Labor Issues		\checkmark
Large Scale Land Conversion, Acquisition, or Relocation		\checkmark
Litigation or Arbitration		\checkmark
On-Site Fatality		\checkmark
Penalties Assessed For Environmental Issues		V
Political Contributions or International Affairs		V
Recalls		\checkmark
Significant Layoffs		\checkmark
Violation of Indigenous Peoples Rights		V
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		K
Company/Suppliers Employ Under Age 15 (Or Other ILO Minimum Age)		V
Company prohibits freedom of association/collective bargaining		
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		₩
Tax Reduction Through Corporate Shells		✓
Workers cannot leave site during non-working hours		\checkmark
Workers not Provided Clean Drinking Water or Toilets		\vee
Workers paid below minimum wage		V
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		\checkmark
Child or Forced Labor		\vee
Negative Environmental Impact		\vee
Negative Social Impact		\checkmark
Other		\checkmark



Disclosure Questionnaire Statement

Disclosure Questionnaire Category:

- 1) Alcohol
- 2) Animal Products and Services
- 3) Water Intensive Industries
- 4) Energy, and Emission Intensive Industries
- 5) Biodiversity Impacts

Grind Holdings Ltd. is involved in the following:

- 1) Production or sale of alcohol, which has risks of potential negative impact on the health and well-being of individuals and their communities. Based on the size of the company, these impacts may be limited.
- 2) Production or sale of animal products and services, meaning that they are more likely to have significant impacts on the environment and animal welfare. Based on the size of the company, these impacts may be limited.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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.
- 5) 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 industries.

Any party aware of specific company practices related to their marketing or other topics that could contribute to the negative impacts of the above topics, and which may constitute a violation of the B Corp standards, may contact us via our <u>public complaints procedure</u>.



Disclosure Questionnaire Statement

Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Industries at Risk of Human Rights Violations

Topic	Forced labor and human rights violations are recognized as material issues in the Coffee industry.
Summary of Issue	Grind Holdings Ltd. sourced its coffee beans from farms in South America and East Africa (El Salvador, Brazil, Kenya, Guatemala, and Uganda) for its coffee roastery and cafe businesses.
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	100% of Grind's coffee is sourced from the above markets and coffee sourcing represents 39.9% of the company's total spend on cost of goods sold.
Impact on Stakeholders	High risk supply chains such as cocoa, coffee, tea and palm oil have a history of forced and child labor, which subjects workers to poor working conditions, low wages, and puts children at risk for human trafficking.
Implemented Management Practices	Grind Holdings Ltd. has a screening procedure before signing a supplier with them. The suppliers are required to complete a supplier survey and acknowledge compliance with the company's Supplier Code of Conduct which will be reviewed on an annual basis.
	With regards to practices implemented by the company to prevent the risks of human rights violations, their Supplier Code of Conduct sets the below as the baseline: - a requirement for their suppliers to comply with labor standards from the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the UK Modern Slavery Act a requirement for all locations of their suppliers or their supplier's suppliers in the manufacture of products to meet the provisions of the Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI) Base Code or similar standards, at minimum.
	Principles outlined in the Suppliers Code of Conducts include: - No forced labor in any form, at any stage in the supply chain - No child labor at any stage in the supply chain - Commitment to a workplace free of harassment - Workers/employers have rights to Freedom of Associations - Non-discrimination for all workers - Fair remuneration for work with equal value for all genders



	 Compliance with fair compensation, standard working hours, and employee benefits Providence of a safe and healthy working environment Commitment to protect the environment and reduce the environmental impact of their farming/manufacturing, and other relevant processes Commitment to meet appropriate sustainability objectives Compliance with the UK standards for limit of toxins, heavy metals, or any hazardous substance in products or packaging materials No animal testing on any products Implement plans for all products' end-of-life, such as up-cycling, recycling, composting, and/or safe disposal of any non-usable parts Compliance with anti-bribery, anti-lobbying, and anti-corruption regulations Acknowledge and assure Grind's right to review and conduct audits and/or physical inspections of its suppliers' facilities and records, including those of any subcontractor or other third party involved As described by the Code, Grind Holdings works with an importer partner to conduct annual audits at the farm level for
	some of their coffee suppliers. For other coffee farm locations, Grind directly conducts the site visits and compliance audits every year. This allows Grind to trace 100% of its coffee back to its original farm and be able to confirm that there are no forced labor or human rights violations present in its supply chain as the company engages a number of parties to make physical visits to farms to validate this.
Management Comments	Grind implements the Supplier Code of Conduct and management practices consistently across its global supply chain.