

# **Grupo Gire**

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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** $\square$ Chemicals $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Alcohol** $\square$ **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		<b>✓</b>	
Breaches of Confidential Information		$\checkmark$	
Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption		$\checkmark$	
Company has filed for bankruptcy		$\searrow$	
Consumer Protection	V		
Financial Reporting, Taxes, Investments, or Loans		N	
Hazardous Discharges Into Air/Land/Water (Past 5 Yrs)		$\searrow$	
Labor Issues		V	
Large Scale Land Conversion, Acquisition, or Relocation		K	
Litigation or Arbitration		N.	
On-Site Fatality		V	
Penalties Assessed For Environmental Issues		$\searrow$	
Political Contributions or International Affairs		$\supset$	
Recalls			
Significant Layoffs		$\searrow$	
Violation of Indigenous Peoples Rights		V	
Other		N.	



#### **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		$\searrow$
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		<b>₩</b>
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: Consumer Protection**

Issue Date	Ongoing
Topic	Complaints and penalties regarding consumer protection issues
Summary of Issue	Grupo Gire has received complaints from the consumer protection agency in Argentina ("Defensa del Consumidor") related to conciliation issues in company's systems that had generated financial impacts to clients/users and reported a cyber incident (malware was detected in the company's internal network, mainly affecting a system that Gire Soluciones uses to provide certain services to financial entities), which the company confirmed not to be related to data breaches.
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	The complaints, settlements, and fines, in 2022 and 2023, amount to ARG 23,620,538.00, representing 0.07% of the company's revenues.  The company has an average of 35 monthly hearings and they estimate to receive annually 420 complaints filled by their consumers in the Argentinian Consumer Agency.
Impact on Stakeholders	Having breaches of consumer protection regulations negatively affects customers' satisfaction and may cause financial impacts on them.
Resolution	Regarding conciliation issues, the company claims that people affected are users who made a payment at one of their branches and that payment for some reason was not made. Generally Grupo Gire manages to reconcile and,if appropriate, the company refunds the money to the user. The sanctions (fines) that company had are due to those cases in which they were unable to reach an agreement. In regards to the malware episodes, to the company's knowledge, agreements were closed: One of approximately ARG 510,000 pesos (Gire was in charge of reimbursing some expenses, originated by the failure to allocate the payments of the users of a company) and another of approximately ARG 21,500,000 pesos (Gire agreed to subsidize this Compensation to a company that was affected by the lack of Gire Soluciones services). Grupo Gire also claims to have paid approximately ARG 640,000 pesos in penalties for another company. Regarding claims from individual customers:



	Total claims received to date (06-26-23): 118 cases, of these, 59 cases are closed.
Management Practices	In general, if a company detects claims for the same issue, they evaluate whether the problem is due to a failure of the system, of our client companies or of the Agents. Once analysis has been carried out and the client's complaint has been solved, the company raises the issue to the responsible area in order to make the necessary corrections. The lessons learned from the cyber incident were reviewed and from it, together with Deloitte, a cybersecurity program was established that is being managed in order to optimize cybersecurity processes. A new CISO was hired to continue with the cybersecurity plan (short term) and work is being done on a new strategic cybersecurity plan for the medium and long term.
Related Incidents (Yes/No)	Yes