

Hive Legal Pty 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 $\boxed{}$ **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** $\boxed{}$ Illegal Products or Subject to $\boxed{}$ **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		V	
Breaches of Confidential Information		N	
Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption		V	
Company has filed for bankruptcy		V	
Consumer Protection		V	
Financial Reporting, Taxes, Investments, or Loans		V	
Hazardous Discharges Into Air/Land/Water (Past 5 Yrs)		N	
Labor Issues			
Large Scale Land Conversion, Acquisition, or Relocation		N	
Litigation or Arbitration		N	
On-Site Fatality		\searrow	
Penalties Assessed For Environmental Issues		V	
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		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		\checkmark
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		N
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		\vee
Other		\checkmark



Disclosure Questionnaire Statement

Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Disclosure Industries

Topic	Clients in Controversial Industries
Summary of Issue	Hive Legal Pty Ltd is a company that offers legal services that is currently involved or has had involvement within the last 5 years in the provision of services to both government entities and private companies in relation to energy sector matters; including clients operating in the Fossil Fuel industry. The service provided has been designed for the energy industry and based on the sector specific legal and regulatory frameworks and the company is committed to supporting decarbonization and assisting participants in the energy sector to achieve a successful transition towards net zero emissions.
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	In the last fiscal year 28% of the company's revenue was derived from clients operating in the energy industry.
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	Hive Legal Pty Ltd's energy and climate change team describes its primary goal as being to help government and private sector clients successfully navigate the transition towards achieving net zero emissions. Potential new clients are assessed by reference to whether they are genuinely committed to playing their part in the transition to net zero emissions; they have agreed as a team to not take on work for energy or resources sector clients who are not believed to be committed to positively participating in the transition towards net zero emissions.
Management Comments	Hive's energy and climate change team has a clearly-defined



objective (supporting decarbonisation and assisting participants in the energy sector to achieve a successful transition towards net zero emissions). We make decisions on whether to accept clients based on whether their values are aligned with this objective. As a team, we have agreed that we would not take on work for energy or resources sector clients who we do not believe are committed to positively participating in the transition towards net zero emissions.