

# **5Values Consulting**Group 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   |     | <b>V</b>     |  |
| Breaches of Confidential Information  |     | N            |  |
| Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption   |     | V            |  |
| Company has filed for bankruptcy  |     | V            |  |
| Consumer Protection   |     | V            |  |
| Financial Reporting, Taxes,<br>Investments, or Loans  |     | V            |  |
| Hazardous Discharges Into<br>Air/Land/Water (Past 5 Yrs)  |     | N            |  |
| Labor Issues  |     |              |  |
| Large Scale Land Conversion,<br>Acquisition, or Relocation  |     | N            |  |
| Litigation or Arbitration   |     | N            |  |
| On-Site Fatality  |     | $\searrow$   |  |
| Penalties Assessed For<br>Environmental Issues  |     | V            |  |
| Political Contributions or<br>International Affairs   |     | N            |  |
| Recalls   |     | V            |  |
| Significant Layoffs   |     | V            |  |
| Violation of Indigenous Peoples<br>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<br>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<br>Contracts  |     | K            |
| Facilities located in sensitive ecosystems   |     | N            |
| ID Cards Withheld or Penalties for Resignation   |     | \            |
| No formal Registration Under<br>Domestic Regulations   |     | V            |
| No signed employment contracts for all workers   |     | V            |
| Overtime For Hourly Workers Is<br>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<br>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: Clients in controversial industries

| Issue Date   | July 1, 2023   |
|--|--|
| Topic  | Clients in the tobacco industry  |
| Summary of Issue   | The company offers Recruitment Consulting Services and it had an IoT project with a client in the tobacco industry. This work was part of their client's goal to create a smoke-free alternative to tobacco cigarettes. Since July 1st, 2023, 5Values no longer works with this client nor any company associated with the tobacco industry.   |
| Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected) | Between April 2022 and April 2023, 4.73% of the company's revenue came from a client in the tobacco industry.  |
| Impact on Stakeholders   | The tobacco industry has significant negative impact on human health. While the negative impact of traditional cigarettes on human health is well-established, tobacco companies have been shifting their product mix away from traditional cigarettes towards non-combustible cigarettes and electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS, e.g., e-cigarettes, vapes). Credible health organizations have stated that there is no conclusive evidence that these products represent a lower risk to human health relative to traditional cigarettes, nor is there evidence that these products aid in the cessation of traditional cigarettes (WHO, WHO, FDA). Importantly, nicotine delivery in all forms is highly addictive, and there is concern that ENDS products are contributing to an increase in teenagers and young adults consuming nicotine (CDC, Health Policy).  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 | <ul> <li>In their work with the tobacco client, the company made a conscious decision to move away from it as not working with the tobacco industry at all.</li> <li>5Values has publicly stated on its website that it will not work with companies involved in the following industries: tobacco, gambling, munitions, and adult entertainment. This commitment policy was made effective in January 2022.</li> <li>To better understand the organization's compatibility with its commitment policy, 5Values prepared a client screening questionnaire to review its potential client's social, ethical, and environmental positions and practices.</li> </ul> |
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| Management Comments              | 5Values' position and client screening questionnaire 5Values Credit Check Form TEMPLATE 5Values Commitment Policy 2023  |