

# **Armanino**

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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.

#### **B Lab's Public Complaints Process**

Any party may submit a complaint about a current B Corp through B Lab's Public Complaint Process. Grounds for complaint include:

- Intentional misrepresentation of practices, policies, and/or claimed outcomes during the company's certification process
- 2) Breaches of the B Corp Community's core values as expressed in our Declaration of Interdependence

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** $\boxed{}$ 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		$\searrow$	
Breaches of Confidential Information		V	
Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption		N.	
Company has filed for bankruptcy		$\checkmark$	
Consumer Protection		V	
Financial Reporting, Taxes, Investments, or Loans		N	
Hazardous Discharges Into Air/Land/Water (Past 5 Yrs)		N	
Labor Issues		V	
Large Scale Land Conversion, Acquisition, or Relocation		N	
Litigation or Arbitration		V	
On-Site Fatality		V	
Penalties Assessed For Environmental Issues		N	
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		V
Company/Suppliers Employ Under Age 15 (Or Other ILO Minimum Age)		V
Company prohibits freedom of association/collective bargaining		V
Company workers are prisoners		$\searrow$
Conduct Business in Conflict Zones		
Confirmation of Right to Work		V
Does not transparently report corporate financials to government		$\checkmark$
Employs Individuals on Zero-Hour Contracts		N.
Facilities located in sensitive ecosystems		$\vee$
ID Cards Withheld or Penalties for Resignation		K
No formal Registration Under Domestic Regulations		$\vee$
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		$\vee$
Tax Reduction Through Corporate Shells		V
Workers cannot leave site during non-working hours		Ŋ
Workers not Provided Clean Drinking Water or Toilets		$\searrow$
Workers paid below minimum wage		N
Workers Under Bond		V
Other	N.	

### 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		N
Negative Environmental Impact		V
Negative Social Impact		V
Other		✓



## **Disclosure Questionnaire Statement**

## **Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Other - Disclosure Industries**

Topic	The company serves clients in Controversial Industries
Summary of Issue	Armanino is a Certified Public Accountant firm that provides tax, audit, outsourced accounting, human resources consulting, and software sales services to clients in controversial industries such as alcohol, for-profit higher education, fossil fuels, tax advisory services, zoos, aquariums, and animal parks, as well as cannabis-related products for recreational and medical purposes. Their services can also be sold to non-controversial industries.
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	<ul> <li>For the fiscal year 2023, the revenue generated from clients in controversial industries accounted for approximately 46.5% of the company's overall revenue: <ul> <li>0.0012% of the client revenue has been from clients in the alcohol industry.</li> <li>0.26% of the client revenue has been from clients in the for-profit higher education industry.</li> <li>0.96% of the client revenue has been from clients in the fossil fuels industry.</li> <li>43% of the client revenue has been from clients in the tax advisory services industry.</li> <li>0.55% of the client revenue has been from clients in the zoos, aquariums, and animal parks industry.</li> <li>0.12% of the client revenue has been from clients in the cannabis-related products (medical purposes only, excluding recreational marijuana) industry.</li> <li>1.7% of the client revenue has been from clients in the Recreational marijuana industry.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Impact on Stakeholders	Companies that work with clients in controversial industries can indirectly increase the harmful impact on stakeholders of those businesses by enabling their 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.  Currently, B Lab does not have specific requirements for companies with clients in these industries. However, Certified B



Corps are required to make transparent their involvement with such clients. As B Lab continues to evolve its standards and due diligence approach for companies with Clients in Controversial Industries, the updated criteria will be shared with the company once they are finalized.

B Lab recognizes that the company began its verification process prior to B Lab developing standards for Clients in Controversial Industries, and, therefore, the company will be required to meet the new standards by their next recertification. Additionally, as of the date of this disclosure, the company has committed to not working with any new companies or projects involved in the controversial industries in question.

## Implemented Management Practices

For clients in the cannabis-related products industry, Armanino consulted with an ethicist before working with this sector to ensure legitimacy. Armanino has client acceptance standards, including background checks on executives, and conducts annual reviews to ensure compliance with state laws. The AICPA recognizes the legitimacy of the cannabis industry and provides guidance to Certified Public Accountant firms like Armanino for working in the industry. For companies in the fossil fuels industry, Armanino has special onboarding procedures for publicly traded companies. For all clients, the company has a tax disclosure on the right. Additionally, the company provides a Tax Disclosure for all clients.