

# **Spindle Productions 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.

#### **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** 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** $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ 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		$\vee$	
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** 

Торіс	Clients in Controversial Industries
Summary of Issue	Spindle Productions Ltd, headquartered in the UK, provides creative and film production services. During the FY 2023-2019 period, the company has served clients in the following controversial industries: Alcohol, Defense/Offensive Firearms and Weapons, Gambling, Prisons, and Water Utilities. This collaboration was done through advertising agencies as a one-off engagement, and currently, the company is not serving any direct or indirect clients in these industries.  The company's services can be sold to both controversial as well as non-controversial industries.
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$	In FY2023-2019, clients operating in controversial industries
financial implication, # of individuals affected)	represented the following % of the company's total revenue:      Clients in the Alcohol industry: 23.41%     Clients in the Prison industry: 5.69%     Clients in the Gambling industry: 15.78%     Clients in the Water utilities industry: 23.28%     Clients in the Defense/Offensive Firearms and Weapons industry: 37.97%
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	Spindle Productions Ltd has a Client Screening Policy that outlines the decision-making framework, exclusionary criteria, governance, and training procedures for screening potential clients in alignment with the company's values. Each potential client from a controversial industry is evaluated according to the following criteria:



- Industry: Analysis of the client's industry to ensure compatibility with the company's environmental, social, and governance (ESG) objectives. Industries known for environmental degradation, human rights abuses, or ethical controversies will receive additional scrutiny.
- Client ESG Practices: Evaluation of the client's ESG practices, including any publicly available reports or third-party certifications related to sustainability, diversity, and ethical operations.
- Potential Negative Impact: Assessment of the client's potential for harm to society or the environment, which may include the client's influence on public health, natural resources, and marginalized communities.
- Background Check: A background review to identify any past controversies, negative publicity, legal issues, or regulatory breaches that may elevate concerns among the company's stakeholders.

Spindle Productions Ltd is also committed not to work with the following industries:

- Tobacco and E-Cigarette Production
- Fossil Fuel Extraction and Production
- Weapons and Arms Manufacturing
- Adult Entertainment

This list will be reviewed annually and updated as needed to reflect the company's ongoing commitment to ethical partnerships.