

Codex Consulting Group 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.

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:

- 1) 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 apply.		
Animal Products or Services		\checkmark
Biodiversity Impacts		$\mathbf{\mathbf{Y}}$
Chemicals		\mathbf{Y}
Disclosure Alcohol		\checkmark
Disclosure Firearms Weapons		\checkmark
Disclosure Mining		$\mathbf{\mathbf{Y}}$
Disclosure Pornography		\mathbf{Y}
Disclosure Tobacco		$\mathbf{\mathbf{\nabla}}$
Energy and Emissions Intensive Industries		N
Fossil fuels Gambling		Y
Genetically Modified Organisms		\checkmark
Illegal Products or Subject to Phase Out		Y
Industries at Risk of Human Rights Violations		Y
Monoculture Agriculture		\mathbf{Y}
Nuclear Power or Hazardous Materials		Y
Payday, Short Term, or High Interest Lending		Y
Water Intensive Industries		$\mathbf{\mathbf{Y}}$
Tax Advisory Services		\checkmark

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		\checkmark
Breaches of Confidential Information		$\mathbf{\mathbf{Y}}$
Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption		$\mathbf{\nabla}$
Company has filed for bankruptcy		$\mathbf{\nabla}$
Consumer Protection		$\mathbf{\nabla}$
Financial Reporting, Taxes, Investments, or Loans		\searrow
Hazardous Discharges Into Air/Land/Water (Past 5 Yrs)		\searrow
Labor Issues		$\mathbf{\nabla}$
Large Scale Land Conversion, Acquisition, or Relocation		$\mathbf{\mathbf{\nabla}}$
Litigation or Arbitration		\checkmark
On-Site Fatality		$\mathbf{\nabla}$
Penalties Assessed For Environmental Issues		\searrow
Political Contributions or International Affairs		\mathbf{Y}
Recalls		\checkmark
Significant Layoffs		\checkmark
Violation of Indigenous Peoples Rights		\checkmark
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		\leq
Company/Suppliers Employ Under Age 15 (Or Other ILO Minimum Age)		$\mathbf{\mathbf{\nabla}}$
Company prohibits freedom of association/collective bargaining		\checkmark
Company workers are prisoners		\checkmark
Conduct Business in Conflict Zones		$\mathbf{\nabla}$
Confirmation of Right to Work		\triangleleft
Does not transparently report corporate financials to government		\leq
Employs Individuals on Zero-Hour Contracts		$\mathbf{\mathbf{\nabla}}$
Facilities located in sensitive ecosystems		$\mathbf{\mathbf{\nabla}}$
ID Cards Withheld or Penalties for Resignation		\leq
No formal Registration Under Domestic Regulations		\leq
No signed employment contracts for all workers		\checkmark
Overtime For Hourly Workers Is Compulsory		\checkmark
Payslips not provided to show wage calculation and deductions		\checkmark

	Yes	No
Sale of Data		\checkmark
Tax Reduction Through Corporate Shells		\checkmark
Workers cannot leave site during non-working hours		\mathbf{k}
Workers not Provided Clean Drinking Water or Toilets		\checkmark
Workers paid below minimum wage		K
Workers Under Bond		K
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		\checkmark
Negative Environmental Impact		K
Negative Social Impact		\checkmark
Other		\checkmark

Disclosure Questionnaire Statement

Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Others - Disclosure Industries

Торіс	Clients in Controversial Industries
Summary of Issue	Codex Consulting Group provides data, digital and cloud consulting services. The company has on-going engagement with a client operating in the Fossil Fuel (other) industry and a one-off engagement with a client operating in the Gambling industry over the last 5 years.
	Services to clients operating in the Fossil Fuel industry has included software implementation (managing operational HR, asset management, finances, safety and resource planning) as well as services in the client's IT Grid, encompassing their EMC trading platform, asset management and several bespoke service-oriented projects. Services to the client in the gambling industry involved providing an online betting platform with data engineering services. The company's services can be sold to both clients in controversial and non-controversial industries.
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	In the current FY2023, clients operating in the Fossil Fuel industry represent 54% of Codex revenue while representing 26% of their FY2022 revenue.
	The client operating in the Gambling industry represented 3% of the Codex FY2022 revenue. Codex no longer works with this client and has moved away from this 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	Codex growth strategy is to target value aligned clients and all prospective organizations are assessed prior to engagement using their bespoke sustainability assessment tool, which

penalizes involvement in controversial industries such as fossil fuels.

The assessment tool depth of analysis depends on the organization's size (revenue and employee numbers), which then provides prescriptive questions resulting in a score for the organization. Guidance is provided with regards to what constitutes an acceptable, excelling or failing score, though final determination is at the discretion of the 'Approver'. The questions (in full depth for large organizations) cover:

- Organization certifications: Eg. B Corp or other industry relevant certifications;
- Industry: Awarding or deducting points for the industry in which the organization operates (deducting for potentially controversial industries similar to some of those noted in this risk assessment);
- Incidents: Deducting of points for reported incidents depending on severity and frequency
- Environment: Points awarded for measurement and commitment to environmental footprint (energy, water, waste) reduction targets and execution, and other environmental initiatives recognised;
- Social: Points awarded for diversity targets and achievements, as well as community contributions and other social related initiatives;
- Governance: Points awarded for governance related transparency, acting ethically and have mechanisms in place to ensure employees are cared for and empowered to speak up;
- Suppliers: Points awarded for mechanisms in supply chain governance, monitoring and action; and,
- UN SDGs: Points awarded for alignment to UN SDGs.

Codex prohibits engagement with some industries such as alcohol, tobacco and gambling.

Although a large % of revenue from the Codex FY2023 revenue overall revenue was from clients in the Fossil Fuel industry, Codex is not specialized in attending this industry. The client from the Fossil Fuel industry has targeted 100% renewable electricity procurement from FY2023 onwards.

Report	Codex Sustainability Project Tracking
	Codex Case Studies