

The Coterie

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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 \square **Disclosure Alcohol Disclosure Firearms Weapons** $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Mining** $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Pornography** $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Tobacco** $\boxed{}$ **Energy and Emissions Intensive** $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ $\boxed{}$ <u>Industries</u> Gambling \square **Genetically Modified Organisms** \square Illegal Products or Subject to \square **Phase Out** Industries at Risk of Human $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ **Rights Violations Monoculture Agriculture Nuclear Power or Hazardous** \square **Materials** Payday, Short Term, or High $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ **Interest Lending** Water Intensive Industries \square **Tax Advisory Services** \square

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		V	
Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption		\checkmark	
Company has filed for bankruptcy		\vee	
Consumer Protection		\vee	
Financial Reporting, Taxes, Investments, or Loans		N	
Hazardous Discharges Into Air/Land/Water (Past 5 Yrs)		K	
Labor Issues		₹	
Large Scale Land Conversion, Acquisition, or Relocation		N.	
Litigation or Arbitration		\vee	
On-Site Fatality		\vee	
Penalties Assessed For Environmental Issues		N	
Political Contributions or International Affairs		\searrow	
Recalls		\checkmark	
Significant Layoffs			
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		\searrow
Company/Suppliers Employ Under Age 15 (Or Other ILO Minimum Age)		V
Company prohibits freedom of association/collective bargaining		
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		\
Facilities located in sensitive ecosystems	N	
ID Cards Withheld or Penalties for Resignation		V
No formal Registration Under Domestic Regulations		\
No signed employment contracts for all workers		\vee
Overtime For Hourly Workers Is Compulsory	Y	
Payslips not provided to show wage calculation and deductions		V

	Yes	No
Sale of Data		V
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		✓
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		\checkmark
Negative Environmental Impact		V
Negative Social Impact		\checkmark
Other		✓



Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Biodiversity and/or Monoculture

The Coterie is involved in activities that could affect local biodiversity, meaning that they are more likely to have significant impacts on the environment given its interference with the balance of local fauna and flora. Certified B Corps are required to make transparent their involvement in such practices.



Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Alcohol

The Coterie is involved in the production or sale of alcohol. Alcohol may have a negative impact on the health and well-being of individuals and their communities, particularly in cases of over-consumption, addiction, or under-age drinking. Certified B Corps are required to make transparent their involvement in such industries.



Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Energy and Emissions Intensive industry

The Coterie is involved in the production/sale of products, or is part of an industry that can potentially be classified as energy and emission-intensive, meaning that they are more likely to have significant impacts on the environment based on their carbon emissions associated with their operations and their contribution to climate change. Certified B Corps are required to make transparent their involvement in such activities or industries.



Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Water Intensive industry

The Coterie is involved in the production/sale of products, or is part of an industry that can potentially be classified as water intensive, meaning that they are more likely to have significant impacts on the environment, such as water stress or depletion of local water sources if water use is not appropriately managed. Certified B Corps are required to make transparent their involvement in such activities or industries.



Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Facilities located in sensitive ecosystems

The Coterie reported having facilities/operations located in sensitive ecosystems in the past five years. Certified B Corps must make this transparent under their B Corp Profile.

Having facilities/operations located in sensitive ecosystems can impact the flora, fauna, and quality of the ecosystem (e.g. noise & light pollution from the facilities, spills, air/soil/water pollution owing to the company's operations). In addition to the environmental risks, there is a risk of negatively impacting the local communities.



Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Compulsory Overtime

Issue Date	2-3 weeks/year during harvesting season
Topic	Hourly workers required to work overtime due to seasonal demand
Summary of Issue	- The nature of the harvest period for grapes requires the company to pick fruit at peak ripeness over a 2 to 3-week period each year. This requires the company's winery team to work long hours during this time, - During the 2 to 3-week peak harvest season, the company's full-time employees in the winery work an average of 70 hours per week. Employees strictly do not work more than 12 hours per day, - For the above-mentioned harvest period, The Coterie's winery may be open up to 24 hours a day to accept fruit for processing. The company sets up winery workers into shifts and hires temporary staff to assist with the additional workload, - The winery team members are paid a salary that accounts for the extra hours worked during this time and ensures compliance with the living wage. Permanent staff are also provided with extra paid leave as compensation for their time, in addition to a product allowance. Permanent winery staff members also enjoy more flexible working hours during the rest of the year as a token of appreciation for their hard work. Temporary staff are paid a living wage and are compensated hourly for all work completed, - The job description is discussed in detail during the interview process to ensure transparency regarding the company's structure during this time. Working requirements are also included in job listings and written into employment contracts.
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	In the previous fiscal year, 4 employees were subject to required overtime hours at some point during the year, which represents 44% of the total workforce. Compulsory overtime was required during approximately 2 weeks in the previous fiscal year.
Impact on Stakeholders	Employees that work compulsory overtime can experience increased stress and have less time to spend on activities outside of the workplace, such as spending time at home. At The Coterie, if an employee is unable to meet the overtime requirement or refuses to work overtime due to unforeseen circumstances, they will be placed into a flexible working



	arrangements for the period they require. They never had a staff member refusing to work the required hours during harvest. In the case of a staff member refusing to work the overtime hours the business would act on a case by case basis and try to work with the employee to come up with a solution.
Implemented Management Practices	The Coterie has a rigorous health and safety program that all permanent and temporary staff are trained on. This ensures staff not only know how to manage their work load safely, but exactly how to execute each and every task required in a safe and effective manner. They utilize their best judgement to give people extra time off during the harvest period if it appears or is brought to our attention that any staff member may be feeling tired on top of the one day off per week. The winery staff also manage the workload in such a way that staff only do overtime that is necessary. The Coterie hires nine extra temporary staff members to allow permanent staff members to have more time off.
Related Incidents (Yes/No)	They have not had any health or safety reported incidents related to working overtime hours.