Modern Slavery Act Statement

Volkswagen Group United Kingdom Limited ("VWGUK") is a private limited company incorporated in England and Wales and headquartered in Milton Keynes. VWGUK is a subsidiary of Volkswagen AG ("VWAG"), and is the UK importer of certain VWAG products. VWGUK trades as Volkswagen UK, Audi UK, SEAT UK, ŠKODA UK and Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles UK. Under the Modern Slavery Act 2015 ("Act"), VWGUK is required to publish a Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement for each financial year, setting out the steps it has taken to address the risk of slavery or human trafficking occurring in its supply chain or within its own operations.

This is our second statement pursuant to the Act and represents our work completed with the financial year which ended 31 December 2017. This statement also incorporates the statement of VWAG, which sets out the global Volkswagen group’s approach, processes and principles to combat slavery and human trafficking. The VWAG statement is a global statement which is updated annually. Where applicable, VWGUK has adopted these or similar processes in its operations in the UK. For the latest version of the VWAG statement, please see here:

Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement VolkswagenAG

In addition, throughout 2017 VWGUK has taken additional steps to further combat the risk of slavery or human trafficking within its supply chain including the following:

1) The release of a new Code of Conduct in 2017 which applies to all employees and is based on shared values around honest conduct, taking responsibility, integrity and compliance with all rules and regulations (a copy is available on each of our brand websites);

2) The creation and roll out of a Modern Slavery Questionnaire to our Top 56 suppliers to better understand the risk profile of our supplier base. Throughout the course of 2018 we will also be engaging with suppliers to better understand how they manage risks of Modern Slavery and associated issues within their organisations; and

3) The continued roll out of the Volkswagen Group Supplier Code of Conduct, which has been sent to each of our 2,000 business partners as part of their contractual relationship with us;

As a business, VWGUK maintains its zero tolerance approach to any form of modern slavery and this is enshrined as one of the core principles of its purchasing policy. However, VWGUK acknowledges that modern slavery exists and is a risk to all businesses.

In the event that any of VWGUK’s business partners are found to be engaging in slavery or other unethical working practices, it will take steps to address those issues with this business partner, seek to drive improved standards and, if necessary, terminate its relationships with any such business partners.

Approved by the Board of Management of Volkswagen Group United Kingdom Limited on 26 June 2018

Signed by

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