

Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement

20 June 2017

This statement is made by Global Innovation Fund (“**GIF**”) pursuant to section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (the “**Act**”) and constitutes our anti-slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ended 31st December 2016.

The Global Innovation Fund

The Global Innovation Fund (GIF) is a non-profit innovation fund that invests in the piloting, rigorous testing, and scaling of innovations targeted at improving the lives of the poorest people in developing countries. GIF aims to support a portfolio of innovations that collectively open up opportunities and improve lives for millions of people across the developing world. We are supported by the Department of International Development in the UK, the United States Agency for International Development, the Omidyar Network, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, the Department for Foreign Affairs and Trade in Australia, and the Department of Science and Technology in South Africa.

What We Do

At GIF, we believe that the best ideas for solving some of the world’s most critical problems can come from anyone, anywhere. Through our grants and risk capital, we help breakthrough solutions to global development challenges from social enterprises, for-profit firms, non-profit organisations, researchers, and government agencies to maximise their impact and affect meaningful change. Through grants, loans (including convertible debt), and equity investments, we back innovations with the potential for social impact at a large scale, whether they are new business models, policy practices, technologies, behavioural insights, or new ways of delivering products and services that benefit the poor in developing countries.

We support innovators at all stages of development, from start-up and pilot-testing to larger scale implementation. The innovations we fund can be located in any developing country and can focus on any sector relevant to international development, provided they are committed improving the lives of those living on less than \$5 a day.

Although we have little direct exposure to issues of slavery and human trafficking in our own supply chain, our investments are frequently undertaken in markets where issues of slavery and human trafficking are prevalent. In effecting investments we are committed to ensuring that there is no modern slavery or human trafficking in any aspect of the businesses in which we invest, or in any part of our own business.

Investment Due Diligence

As part of our investment process we undertake due diligence into each potential entity into which we seek to invest, and monitor regularly our portfolio organisations post-investment. Part of such due diligence process involves carrying out a risk analysis based on the nature and value of the proposed investment, and where an investment is assessed to be into a business which may have potential exposure to issues of slavery or human trafficking either directly within the business or within the supply chain to such business we screen them against online databases and require information on:

- the monitoring of primary or secondary suppliers to the business for unfair practices or practices which may compromise slavery or human trafficking laws or regulations locally or nationally;
- policies on fair sourcing of goods and services and any diligence carried out prior to entering into contracts with third parties;
- employment practices, including diversity policies; and
- training for staff.

We also require the business to adhere to our values and our Recipient Code of Conduct as a condition to our investment.

Responses are taken into consideration when making decisions on potential investments, and we make any concerns known to the business into which we are intending to invest. Should issues be identified during our investment or regular monitoring process, we discuss with the relevant business the remedial action required to address the identified issue, and may exit the investment if issues are not resolved to GIF's satisfaction.

Further Steps

We are currently reviewing GIF's internal policies as well as our investment and monitoring processes in light of the Act. Once complete, we will introduce further measures to ensure the Act is applied to our investments and internal policies. Such measures may include:

- Obtaining contractual warranties in our investment documents that no slavery is used anywhere in the investee company's business or by any of its suppliers and that all necessary processes and policies have been put into place and will be maintained to ensure that this remains the case;
- Obtaining a contractual right to request compliance-related information and the right to audit investee companies and their supplier information at our discretion.



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