

# Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking Policy Pursuant to Bill S-211 the Act to enact the *Fighting Against Forced Labour* and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act

Issue	Date	Summary and reasons for changes
1	Financial Year 2023	Policy Implementation



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#### **Introduction**

This statement sets out Eurofins actions in Canada to understand all potential Forced labour and child labour risks related to its business and to put in place steps that are aimed at ensuring that there is no slavery or human trafficking in its own business and its supply chains. This statement relates to actions and activities during the financial year 1 Jan 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

As part of Eurofins involvement in the Professional, Scientific and Technical service market, the company recognizes that it has a responsibility to take a robust approach to slavery and human trafficking.

The company is absolutely committed to preventing slavery and human trafficking in its corporate activities, and to ensuring that its supply chains are free from slavery and human trafficking.

#### Company structure and supply chains

This statement covers the activities of Eurofins in Canada:

- Eurofins is an international life sciences company which provides a unique range of analytical testing services. The Canadian operation is part of a global network of laboratories operating in over 51 countries. Each country operates with its own independent entities and management structure.
- Eurofins offers a portfolio of over 200,000 analytical methods for evaluating the safety, identity, composition, authenticity, origin and purity of biological substances and products, as well as for innovative clinical diagnostics.
- Within Canada the company operates over 20 sites, with its key focus on testing within the Food, Water, Environment, and Pharma markets as well as consumer product testing, Agro testing, AgroSciences testing, genomics testing to name a few.
- Eurofins CDMO Alphora specifically provide Full-service contract research, development and manufacturing (CRDMO) for complex and niche small molecule active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs).
- Eurofins Environment Testing Canada provide a wide range of environmental expertise in testing soil, water, air and materials for organic and inorganic contaminants including:
  - > Routine analysis of potable water, ground water and wastewater monitoring.
  - Soil analysis related to oil and salt spills, petroleum storage tank sites, sulphur and contaminated materials, pipeline disturbances, soil reclamation and soil quality litigation.
  - > Hazardous waste classification and landfill criteria.
  - Environmental microbiology



#### **Policy on Slavery and Human Trafficking**

Eurofins commits to developing and adopting a proactive and robust approach to tackling hidden labour exploitation and human trafficking. This includes:

- Slavery victims are deprived of their freedom and forced to work.
- Human / Child Trafficking people are moved, often internationally, so that they can be exploited.
- Forced Labour people are forced to work against their will for little or no pay, often under the threat of violence to themselves, family or friends.
- **Debt Bondage** victims work to pay off debts that they have no realistic chance of being able to bring to an end.
- **Child Labour** the employment of children in any work that deprives them of their childhood and dignity, and that is harmful to their physical and mental development.

Slavery and human trafficking are abhorrent crimes and all of the Eurofins team have a responsibility to ensure this does not take place within our business. At Eurofins we will take every effort to conduct our business in an ethical and responsible manner. As an employer we are committed to paying at least the national living wage and we regularly review our terms of employment to ensure they comply with the relevant Canadian legislation. We procure goods and services from a vast number of suppliers and are committed to doing what we can to combat slavery and human trafficking throughout our supply chain.

Forced labour can include the exploitation of job applicants and workers by third party individuals and gangs other than the employer or labour provider including rogue individuals working within these businesses but without the knowledge of management including payment for work-finding services and work related exploitation such as forced use of accommodation. It is understood that it is often well hidden by the perpetrators with victims, if they perceive themselves as such, reluctant to come forward making their situation and concerns known.

Our forced labour and child labour statement reflects our ongoing commitment to act ethically and with integrity in all our business relationships and to implement and enforce systems and controls that seek to ensure slavery and human trafficking is not taking place anywhere in our supply chain.

Eurofins does not, and will not, support or deal with any business or company knowingly involved in slavery or human trafficking in any part of its operations remotely or indirectly. In the event that we suspect a breach of Bill S-211 Act, we would report the perpetrator(s) and immediately cease trading / dealing with such businesses.



#### **Responsibility**

As part of our initiative to identify and mitigate risk within our business and our supply chains we have taken the following actions:

- Our employees are made aware of this statement which is held on our employee intranet and displayed on our company website. Employees are encouraged to identify and report any suspicions or concerns they may have with their line manager.
- We expect our suppliers to adhere to all legislation relating to The Bill S-211 and we make clear our expectations of business behavior.
- We promote and support the 'stronger together' initiative that aims to work with multiple stakeholders to reduce modern slavery, particularly with regard to hidden forced labour, labour trafficking and other third-party exploitation of workers.

#### **Relevant Policies**

The company operates the following policies that describe its approach to the identification of modern slavery risks and steps to be taken to prevent slavery and human trafficking in its operations.

- Whistleblowing / Speak Up policy The Company encourages all its workers, customers and other business partners to report any concerns related to the direct activities, or the supply chains of, the company. This includes any circumstances that may give rise to an enhanced risk of slavery or human trafficking. The Company's 'Speak Up' (whistleblowing) procedure is designed to make it easy for workers to make disclosures, without fear of retaliation. Employees, customers or others who have concerns can follow the detail within the Speak Up Policy which is communicated to new starters when they on-board, through our induction programme and our staff handbook and is consistently available on our internal intranet and company notice boards.
- Employee code of conduct The Company's code makes clear to employees the actions and behaviour expected of them when representing the company. The company strives to maintain the highest standards of employee conduct and ethical behaviour when operating abroad and managing its supply chain.



- Purchasing code of conduct The Company is committed to ensuring that its suppliers adhere to the highest standards of ethics. Suppliers are required to demonstrate that they provide safe working conditions where necessary, treat workers with dignity and respect, and act ethically and within the law in their use of labour. The company works with suppliers to ensure that they meet the standards of the code and improve their worker's working conditions. However, serious violations of the company's supplier code of conduct will lead to the termination of the business relationship.
- Recruitment / Agency workers policy The Company uses only specified, reputable employment
  agencies to source labour and always verifies the practices of any new agency it is using before
  accepting workers from that agency. Minimal numbers of agency workers are used with the company
  having a high focus on employing permanent, salaried and well-trained employees.
- Eurofins Group Equal Opportunities and Fair Employment Policy All employment-related decisions of the company are based on job-related or legitimate business considerations. Legally protected characteristics such as age, disability, gender reassignment, marital status, race, religion or any other characteristic protected by law are not to be taken into account when making such decisions. Training needs will be identified through regular appraisals. Eurofins Members will be given appropriate access to training to enable them to progress within the organization. In addition, all promotion decisions are made based on merit. The company does not tolerate bullying and harassment in any work-related situation, whether in the workplace and/or during working hours or not. Furthermore, if any employee is experiencing or witnessing bullying or harassment, they are invited to report it in accordance with local guidance/policy and if not, available they can report it to the President of the company. The company will aim to investigate reports thoroughly in a timely and confidential manner.
- Eurofins Group Health and Safety Policy The company is committed to providing a safe working environment for all those present at Eurofins' premises. Each company has a Health and Safety Leader who receives appropriate training to carry out his functions. The company will also ensure that Eurofins members and associates are given adequate training and supervision to perform work competently and safely. Equipment shall be used in accordance with any formal instructions given in respect of its operation. Accidents and faulty equipment must be reported to the Health and Safety leader, who is responsible for investigating any injuries or work-related illnesses. The Health and Safety Manager shall periodically assess the risk in the workplace and the company shall take steps to eliminate or reduce activities that could cause injury (manual handling) and provide training where necessary. Personal protective equipment is provided where there are risks that cannot be adequately controlled by other means.



## Due Diligence

The company undertakes due diligence when considering taking on new suppliers, and regularly reviews its existing suppliers. The company's due diligence and reviews include:

- Ensuring all those in our supply chain and labour providers adhere to current legislation, we aim to evaluate our key suppliers on various aspects of corporate social responsibility; where suppliers fall short on our expectations, we endeavour to take steps to improve suppliers' practices, including providing advice to suppliers and requiring them to implement action plans.
- Requiring new suppliers to declare that they are not involved in modern slavery or human trafficking and have not been subject to any investigation in connection with any offence involving slavery or human trafficking.
- Through the implementation of this programme, we ensure a responsible supply chain that shares our company values, ideas, practices, and sustainable policies.
- Our HR Department has measures in places to monitor the terms through which Eurofins employees are engaged and remunerated. We minimize the use of agency and maximize our employment of permanent, salaried staff.

### Training & Support

To ensure a high level of understanding of the risks of modern slavery and human trafficking in our supply chain and our business, we provide relevant information and support to our staff to ensure compliance in this area. Senior Management are briefed on this subject.

This statement is made pursuant to Bill S-211 the Act to enact the Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act and constitutes our statement for the Financial Year ending December 2023.



# **Approval and Attestation of Governing body**

In accordance with the requirements of the Act, and in particular section 11 thereof, I attest that I have reviewed the information contained in the report for the entity or entities listed above. Based on my knowledge, and having exercised reasonable diligence, I attest that the information in the report is true, accurate and complete in all material respects for the purposes of the Act, for the reporting year listed above.

I have the authority to bind Eurofins CDMO Alphora, Inc. and Eurofins Environment Testing Canada, Inc.

AEL-Signature:

Full name: Andrew Edwards Title: Director Date: May 31, 2024