# Modern Slavery Statement

1.1 We are committed to improving our practices to combat slavery and human trafficking. Modern slavery is a crime and a gross violation of fundamental human rights. It takes various forms, all of which have in common the deprivation of a person's liberty by another in order to exploit them for personal or commercial gain. We have a zero-tolerance approach to modern slavery and we are committed to acting ethically and with integrity in all our business dealings and relationships and to implementing and enforcing effective systems and controls to ensure modern slavery is not taking place anywhere in our own business or in any of our supply chains.

1.2 We are also committed to ensuring there is transparency in our own business and in our approach to tackling modern slavery throughout our supply chains, consistent with our disclosure obligations under the Modern Slavery Act 2015. We expect the same high standards from all of our contractors, suppliers and other business partners, and as part of our contracting processes, we include specific prohibitions against the use of forced, compulsory or trafficked labour, or anyone held in slavery or servitude, whether adults or children, and we expect that our suppliers will hold their own suppliers to the same high standards.

### Organisation's structure

F.H. Brundle is The UK's leading supplier of wrought iron, mesh and other steel products. F.H. Brundle has over 200 employees across the UK.

#### **Our business**

We have seven major distribution centres in the UK, these are situated in Burton, Rainham, Ilkeston, Southampton, St Helens, Birmingham and Glasgow.

#### Our supply chains

Our supply chains include: The global sourcing of metals.

Our policies on slavery and human trafficking
We are committed to ensuring that there is no modern
slavery or human trafficking in our supply chains or in any
part of our business. Our Anti-slavery Policy reflects our
commitment to acting ethically and with integrity in all our
business relationships and to implementing and enforcing
effective systems and controls to ensure slavery and
human trafficking is not taking place anywhere in out supply
chains.

## Due diligence processes for slavery and human trafficking

As part of our initiative to identify and mitigate risk we visit the factories to examine common working practice and procedures. Or we employ inspection companies to audit on our behalf.

We have in place systems to:

- Identify and assess potential risk areas in our supply chains.
- Mitigate the risk of slavery and human trafficking occurring in our supply chains.
- · Monitor potential risk areas in our supply chains.
- · Protect whistle blowers.

#### Supplier adherence to our values

We have zero tolerance to slavery and human trafficking. To ensure all those in our supply chain and contractors comply with our values and ethics, we have formed a compliance team, which consists of Managers from the following departments:

- Product development managers
- Procurement
- Directors

Their remit is to ensure that all of our business partners comply with the high standards which we set for ourselves and ensure that their own organisations and supply teams are free from slavery and human trafficking.

#### **Training**

To ensure a high level of understanding of the risks of modern slavery and human trafficking in our supply chains and our business, we provide training to our staff.

This statement is made pursuant to section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes our Group's slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ending 2017.

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