



## **E A BLYTHE AND COMPANY LTD**

### **Human Rights Policy Statement**

The purpose of EA Blythe & Co. Ltd Human Rights Policy is to communicate to our employees, customers, and suppliers the ethical and social values we respect and our commitment to uphold human rights by promoting our values of Innovation, Excellence, Integrity, Collaboration and Discipline. Through these principles we aim to be an aspiring company for people to join and be associated with.

EA Blythe & Co Ltd is a family run precision engineering company. We pride ourselves in delivering a professional and complete manufacturing service, from prototyping through to large batch work. We are dedicated to the adoption of internationally recognised human rights standards in all our operations.

#### **What are human rights?**

Human rights are the universal rights that every human being is entitled to enjoy and to have protected.

They are most appropriately defined as those rights that require us to treat others as we ourselves would want to be treated, and which protect us – as individuals and groups – from abuses of power.

#### **General principles**

- We are committed to performing our business to the highest standard of ethics and in accordance with our values.
- We are open and fair in dialogue with all our customers and suppliers and commit to communicate effectively and courteously with external parties.
- We respect all fundamental human rights and will be guided in the conduct of our business by the provisions of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Labour Organisation's (ILO) core labour standards and national legislation.

#### **Employee relations**

- All our employees shall conduct themselves in accordance with the highest ethical standards.
- We aim to ensure that no form of discrimination is practiced in any area of our business including, recruitment, compensation, promotion, training, termination or retirement based on age, disability, gender, gender reassignment, marital status or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion and belief, or sexual orientation.
- We recognise our employees' right to join trade unions.

- We are committed to ensuring that our employees are able to work in an environment free of physical, psychological or verbal abuse, the threat of abuse and sexual or other harassment and, accordingly such actions are forbidden.
- In accordance with legislation, best practice, and a prevailing knowledge of our industry we shall take all reasonable steps to prevent accidents and injury to health arising out of, associated with, or in the course of work by minimizing so far as is reasonably practicable the causes of hazards inherent in the working environment.
- All employees shall receive an appropriate level of training to enable them to perform their duties.

## **Social responsibility**

### **Environmental impact**

- Conserving and protecting the environment is a principle of high importance. We shall not engage in activities that have unacceptable risks and such risks shall be identified as early as possible with a view to facilitating timely and appropriate actions.
- We shall seek to avoid methods of operation which give rise to environmental risks where there are suitable alternatives available and shall endeavour, within our remit, to ensure our customers and supply chain strive for environmentally positive options whenever possible.
- We shall adopt systems which allow the impact of our work on the environment and communities to be evaluated and considered with a view to minimizing any negative impact.

### **Community relations**

- EA Blythe & Co Ltd recognises its impact on the communities in which we operate. We are committed to engaging with stakeholders in those communities to ensure that we are listening to, learning from, and taking into account their views as we conduct our business.
- We believe that local issues are most appropriately addressed at a local level. We are committed to creating economic opportunity and fostering goodwill in the local community.

## **Communication**

EA Blythe & Co Ltd undertakes to ensure that its Human Rights Policy and those policies which derive from it are communicated effectively to directors, managers and employees effectively including but not limited to:


- Our company procedures, induction packs and days, notice boards, company intranet, employee handbooks and training courses aimed at ensuring acceptable levels of understanding within management.

## **Responsibilities**

- EA Blythe & Co Ltd expects its employees, managers and supply chain to maintain the highest standards in conformity with our principles.
- It is management's responsibility to communicate the expected standards to our employees and ensure that they conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. Disciplinary sanctions shall be enforced against any employee who is in breach of our human rights principles.

## Review

This policy shall be reviewed on an annual basis and as and when necessary to reflect changes in relevant legislation

Signed:   
Colin Blythe, Director

Date: September 2021