

An aerial photograph of a coastal city, likely Glasgow, Scotland, showing a large harbor with several ships, a city skyline in the background, and a green hillside in the foreground with a road and some buildings.

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SIEMENS FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED

2024 Modern Slavery Act Statement

Financial Year Ended 30 September 2024
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Introduction

We recognise the risks that goods coming into or produced in the UK could be made with forced labour or child labour, and we are committed to keeping such exploitative and illegal practices out of our supply chain.

This statement is made pursuant to s.54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and sets out the steps that Siemens Financial Services Limited has taken and is continuing to take to ensure that modern slavery or human trafficking is not taking place within our business or supply chain. Modern slavery encompasses slavery, servitude, human trafficking and forced labour.

Siemens Financial Services Limited is part of the worldwide Siemens group of companies and a wholly owned subsidiary of Siemens Holdings plc. Siemens Holdings plc serves as the holding company for Siemens' operations in the UK (Siemens UK). Reference to "Siemens" in this statement refers to Siemens AG.

Sustainable value creation is the path we choose to achieve our goal of profit-driven, long-term growth. As a global business, Siemens, with its innovative power and investment strength, assumes joint responsibility for worldwide sustainable development. We create added value for the societies in which we operate. At the same time, our business activities – both directly and indirectly – impact the lives of many. Siemens is aware of its responsibility for ensuring the respect of human rights. For us, this responsibility is a core element of responsible business conduct. Building on our Business Conduct Guidelines, we have defined the respect of human rights in additional guidelines and principles.

Sustainable practices are firmly anchored in our corporate culture, based on our company values of being responsible, excellent and innovative. We apply globally binding principles that require all employees and managers to behave in an ethical, law-abiding manner. We act responsibly to support economic, environmental and social progress.

Siemens Financial Services Limited has a zero-tolerance approach to any form of modern slavery. We are committed to acting ethically and with integrity and transparency in all business dealings and to putting effective systems and controls in place to safeguard against any form of modern slavery taking place within the business or our supply chain.

Starting 1 January 2023, Siemens (incl. affiliated companies globally) has been assessing internal processes and procedures to ensure compliance with the German Supply Chain Due Diligence Act (SCDDA). Most of the SCDDA requirements are already addressed by existing internal company regulations and processes. These regulations and processes have been and will continue to be adapted as necessary.

Siemens has established comprehensive due diligence obligations for human rights and (selected) environmental matters. Human rights are fundamental in Siemens' own workforce and employment conditions as well as those we partner with. These rights are stated in our Business Conduct Guidelines and International Framework Agreement:

1. Prohibition of Child Labour
2. Prohibition of Forced Labour and all Forms of Slavery
3. Fair Employment, including Remuneration and Working Hours
4. Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining
5. Non-Discrimination or Intimidation

For selected overarching obligations, the Compliance organisation has been tasked with implementing a consolidated risk analysis and complaints procedure.

Our business

Siemens is a technology company focused on industry, infrastructure, transport, and healthcare. From more resource-efficient factories, resilient supply chains, and smarter buildings and grids, to cleaner and more comfortable transportation as well as advanced healthcare, Siemens create technology with purpose adding real value for customers. By combining the real and the digital worlds, Siemens empower customers to transform their industries and markets, helping them to transform the everyday for billions of people.

Siemens has been active in the United Kingdom for over 170 years. Siemens Financial Services Limited, based in Stoke Poges, works with customers and partners to provide a wide range of flexible finance solutions including asset finance, hire purchase and leasing options to suit a variety of business sizes.

Our high-risk areas

Compliance risk management is an ongoing focus in all aspects of business activity. Annually, global risks are assessed in a headquarter workshop, with risk topics subsequently cascaded throughout the organisation to ensure proper management focus. Human Rights risk has been incorporated as a focus topic and is firmly embedded in Siemens due diligence processes for relevant, major projects.

The company-wide Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) radar tool further supports the management of ESG risks across the entire value chain. The ESG radar tool incorporates human rights, including modern slavery risks, under the “Social” aspect.

In 2023 the Company implemented ‘Ethical’ decision-making alongside the existing focus on integrity in business which further promoted the topic of Human Rights, including Modern Slavery. A guide entitled ‘Human Rights in product and solutions businesses’ promotes discussion within relevant business operations.

Our policies

Siemens has various internal policies to ensure that we are conducting business in an ethical and transparent manner. These include:

Business Conduct Guidelines (BCG)

The BCG is our corporate code of conduct and is at the heart of our global Compliance System. Its contents are built from our principles and adherence is mandatory for all Siemens employees, managers, and the Managing Board. It is the framework for our fundamental principles, rules, and rights governing how we treat each other within Siemens, how we treat our external business partners, and how we, as a company, act towards society and the environment. Siemens also expects its suppliers and business partners to share similar expectations and comply with all applicable laws.

The BCG requires employees to recognise and apply globally relevant anti-slavery principles. Specifically, including the International Labour Organisation’s Tripartite Declaration of Principles, and its Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, with respect to the elimination of child labour, abolition of forced labour, prohibition of discrimination, and rights to freedom of association and collective bargaining. Each employee is required to sign a statement that they have read and understood the Business Conduct Guidelines.

In January 2019, the BCG were updated to emphasise the importance of Human Rights compliance, and in July 2023 they were revised to include the “Siemens Ethical Principles”, which has a focus on respecting the dignity and inherent rights of all individuals.

Compliance policy

This policy, in the form of a globally binding, all-encompassing compliance circular, sets out the organisation’s stance on Anti-Corruption, Anti-Trust, Anti Money Laundering, Data Protection, Human Rights and Export Control.

The circular specifically highlights the need to comply with local law and thereby the requirements of the Modern Slavery Act. Business units and employees are required to always act in accordance with the United Nations Global Compact principles.

The following are incorporated in daily business practices throughout the financial year:

- relevant projects include a specific set of Human Rights due diligence questions
- Human Rights is a mandatory topic in risk assessment deep dives
- potential Human Rights violations are subject to investigation as part of the formal compliance case handling process
- training modules incorporate key aspects of Human Rights compliance

Whistleblower policy

Siemens has a compliance whistleblower hotline for reporting compliance violations in a secure manner online or via telephone, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and in 13 languages. Reports can also be made anonymously. The hotline can be used by internal employees and external parties such as customers and suppliers. It is managed by a third-party supplier, and all data supplied is maintained on secure servers in Germany and handled exclusively by Siemens.

Siemens internal whistleblowers are protected by special regulations that protect whistleblowers who make good faith reports to the best of their knowledge. In addition, the Siemens Ombudsperson is available for the reporting of compliance violations. We have not received any concerns regarding modern slavery through our whistleblowing channel ‘Tell Us’.

Recruitment policy

Siemens Financial Services Limited operates a robust recruitment policy, including employee eligibility checks to work in the UK as well as standard credit and disclosure & barring service checks. This helps to safeguard against human trafficking or individuals being forced to work against their will. In addition, personnel-related policies provide freedom for workers to terminate employment, freedom of movement and freedom of association. Furthermore, threats of violence, discrimination, harassment and intimidation are specifically forbidden.



Our suppliers

According to the UN Global Compact, the “supply chain can make a significant impact in promoting human rights, fair labour practices, environmental progress and anti-corruption policies.”

Siemens globally has a substantial and complex supply chain with around 90,000 suppliers across 150 countries. With such a large and geographically dispersed supplier network, Siemens ensures a higher priority is given to suppliers deemed as high risk and has implemented a system of interconnected processes and tools to support the governance of our Global Services Supply Chain Management (SCM) function. Transparency and awareness of supply chain risks are ensured via a three-step process:

- Definition of sustainability risks and categories
- Identification of the relevant suppliers
- Development and implementation of necessary procurement processes to cover these risks (e.g., on-site audits).

We support all suppliers through our “Sustainability in the Supply Chain” and “Code of Conduct for Siemens Suppliers and Third-Party Intermediaries” documents. These are the basis of our supplier relationships and the expected commitment of our suppliers to observe the principles therein. In addition, we explicitly encourage them to extend these values further into their own supply chain to create a network of interactions and business relations that are built on trust. As well as reflecting our Business Conduct Guidelines, our supplier code is based on the UN Global Compact and principles of the International Labour Organisation.

The code specifically prohibits the use of forced labour and child labour by our suppliers, requires our suppliers to respect the employment rights of their workers and requires our suppliers to use reasonable efforts to promote compliance with the code among their own.

Suppliers commit to the code by signing the Corporate Responsibility contract clause as part of the onboarding and qualification process, and for all new and extended procurement contracts, via the Corporate Responsibility declaration or by acknowledging the Conditions of Purchase.

Prior to selection all suppliers undergo various due diligence checks including a Corporate Responsibility Self-Assessment (CRSA). This questionnaire enables suppliers to assess whether they meet the requirements of our Code of Conduct. This process raises awareness of these requirements, identifies potential risks in connection with sustainability at an early stage, and ensures that appropriate steps are taken.

Suppliers are continually monitored, and risk assessed; particularly those operating in higher risk countries. Suppliers for whom certain potential sustainability risks have been identified, or where there are suspicions of non-compliance with the code of conduct, are subjected to an in-depth assessment by audit experts on-site. This assessment is carried out by external service providers to ensure independent reporting.

Consequences of non-adherence
If our sustainability self-assessments or audits reveal infringements of our requirements, they must be remedied by the suppliers in question within a reasonable timeframe. The responsible Procurement units, along with the suppliers involved, agree on the corrective actions defined during the audits. We reserve the right to end the supplier relationship in the event of serious infringements, such as evidence of slavery, servitude, human trafficking and forced labour.

Know-how transfer and building competence
Our suppliers’ commitment to comply with our sustainability principles is most effective when it is based on their own convictions. We are increasingly committed to building supplier competence and intensifying knowledge transfers related to sustainability. As a supplement to existing programmes, Siemens developed an online sustainability training specifically for suppliers’ staff cooperating with Siemens in supporting deliveries and services.

With a view to continuous improvement Siemens UK continues to engage with the external market to better understand best practices. Further to the deployment of the Ecovadis Sustainability Rating platform, Siemens UK has assessed 275 Tier 1 Suppliers who have achieved a combined average score of 63.8/100, this is a 4.9-point increase on the past year, the Ecovadis platform overall average score being 47. Further roll out of the Ecovadis platform in the UK is ongoing and enhances our responsible Supply Chain approach.

SCM has developed a specific section in the Siemens Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (ED&I) statement, to further support the strategy on the topic and is actively influencing our Tier 1 Suppliers to also partner with advocacy organisations. Siemens UK continued collaboration with the UK Social Enterprise network demonstrates our commitment.

As an example, Siemens UK is a corporate partner to the Social Enterprise UK Buy Social Corporate Challenge. As well as partnering with MSDUK, an advocacy organisation for Ethnic Minority Owned businesses. Siemens UK has also recently partnered with WEConnect International, an Advocacy Organisation for Women Owned businesses in the UK and are actively assessing the feasibility of engaging with further advocacy organisations.

SCM has continued to be represented on the Siemens UK Sustainability Board with a view to ensuring corporate initiatives and requirements are introduced into the supply base. During the year Siemens UK work with Social Enterprises (SEs) has resulted in positively impacting the lives of many disadvantaged people including children. Siemens UK has access to 70 SEs for business units to utilise. There is a clear strategy to further roll out Social Enterprises in the UK.

As well as being an accredited “Real Living Wage” employer, our site-based suppliers and 3rd party contractors are paid in accordance with the living wage foundation guidelines. Siemens UK is now also accredited to the Prompt Payment Code. We are actively encouraging our Tier 1 Suppliers to become accredited to both, an example of this was during our recent annual Supplier Sustainability Day where we received over 100 commitments to explore accreditation.



Employee training

In 2023, the Siemens’ BCGs were revised to include “Siemens Ethical Principles” with training rolled out to all Siemens employees worldwide. This training includes detailed coverage of the subject of forced labour and child labour in the supply chain. Employees are required to complete the training upon hire and every three years thereafter. Siemens UK launched a UK-specific web-based training on Modern Slavery two years ago, and this training will roll out again to Siemens UK employees in 2025.

Additionally, Siemens has two online training modules entitled “Sustainability in the Supply Chain” and “Supplier Qualification: General Approach”.

These trainings are mandatory for all employees with purchasing responsibility and highlight the importance of the Code of Conduct for Siemens Suppliers and Third-Party Intermediaries. Completion of these trainings form part of an employee’s annual performance target and are therefore subject to formal monitoring.

Further training material is provided to employees via the Siemens Human Rights Knowledge Hub intranet site which covers a variety of key topics, such as Modern Slavery.

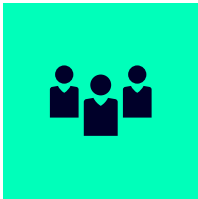
Key performance indicators (KPIs)

Siemens UK launched a Modern Slavery web-based training in 2022 which was completed by 1,600 employees. A presentation guide was used by managers and supervisors to raise awareness and discuss the topic in team meetings at our manufacturing facilities. This training was initially rolled out in 2022, and a refresher course will roll out in early 2025. A future KPI will reflect employees who have completed the Modern Slavery training refresher.

In June 2023, a revised Business Conduct Guidelines training entitled ‘Doing the Right Thing’ was launched, with a specific focus on ethical decision making and respecting the dignity, privacy and inherent rights of individuals.

The Siemens Managing Board set a KPI target aspiring to 100% completion across all global entities. As of 30th September 2023 100%, of employees assigned to complete the training had done so.

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Other information

Our parent Company, Siemens AG, produces an annual Sustainability Report, which provides transparency on our progress regarding human rights activities. The Sustainability Report includes information on the management and responsibilities regarding Human Rights issues, our continuous improvement measures, our Human Rights due diligence approach along the entire value chain, our commitment to Human Rights and international standards, our grievance mechanisms as well as our global business alliance platforms. Throughout the year, we are in exchange with key stakeholders, such as investors, shareholders, employees, customers, suppliers and non-governmental organisations, to ensure effective exchange on Human Rights topics

Ensuring commitment to Human Rights at Siemens:
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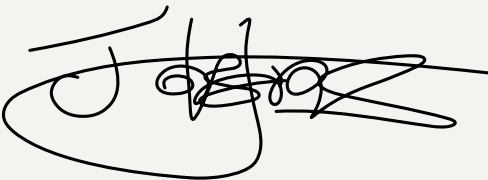
Sustainability in the Supply Chain:
[siemens.com/sustainable-supply-chain](https://www.siemens.com/sustainable-supply-chain)

Our commitment

Siemens Financial Services Limited will not tolerate any violations of applicable law – and if it does happen, we will take strong action. We will continue to apply a zero-tolerance approach to forced labour, slavery and human trafficking in any form, in our business and supply chain.

Approval for this statement

This statement was approved by the Board of Directors with respect to the Financial Year ending on 30 September 2024.



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