

MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT

Aerotrope is committed to combatting slavery and human trafficking in its business and supply chains, and we make this statement to assist with compliance with the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

As our business has a turnover of less than £36 million, we do not have a legal obligation to produce a modern slavery statement. However:

- a. We agree that exploitation within all supply chains ending in the UK is a blight on our society, and we are committed to playing our part in eliminating exploitation.
- b. We understand that customers with obligations under the Modern Slavery Act 2015 cannot comply with those duties without our cooperation.

To that end, we confirm that we have examined our own business and, to the extent that it is reasonably practicable, businesses within our supply chain and we confirm the following:

- a. We confirm that within our own business, no relevant offence relating to slavery or human trafficking has been committed.
- b. We have made enquiries of businesses that supply directly to us, and we are confident that no relevant offence is committed in that business.
- c. As far as it was reasonably practicable, we have examined our supply chains and we are reviewing those regularly, taking steps to alter our supply chain to avoid engaging companies that commit such offences.

Further details about our business and supply chain below:

Our business provides independent engineering consultancy services to customers in the fields of sustainable energy production (wind/ hydro/ solar), low carbon powered vehicles and artwork- and architecture engineering.

Our business structure is that of a micro business.

- Aerotrope Ltd is a single business entity that is neither part of nor operates, branches or subsidiaries.
- We have one director and six employees who all report to the director.
- We operate from one location, which is our registered office in the UK.

Our supply chain is as follows:

We provide independent design engineering expertise worldwide to customers of micro-sized to multinational businesses.

Whenever we receive an enquiry, our decision making before accepting the job incorporates an assessment of the client's risk of breaching human rights, depending on their company's objectives, leadership, and location. We reserve the right to decline any enquiry from projects with a military objective.

While we are not manufacturing goods ourselves, the largest part of our turnover is due to consultancy to the wind turbine industry, small to large scale. The manufacturing of wind turbines entails raw materials that are mined all over the globe. We aim to work only with manufacturers who are committed to ethical sourcing of materials, and whenever we specify materials we will recommend reputable sources to the best of our knowledge and research.

Minerals such as aluminium, iron, and nickel, are mainly produced in highly industrialized countries like Australia and Canada. However, poor and middle-income countries like Brazil, Chile, China, Gabon, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Madagascar, Myanmar, Peru, Russia, South Africa, Turkey, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), and the Philippines mine a substantial share of the minerals needed for wind turbines ([Carrara et al., 2020](#)).

Sources : <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0959652624020262>

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has recognised that child labour exists in mineral supply chains, and has produced this guide:

<https://web-archive.oecd.org/site/mneguidelines/Practical-actions-for-worst-forms-of-child-labour-mining-sector.pdf>

Where it is reasonably practicable, we ensure that businesses in our supply chain have made a similar statement relating to slavery and human trafficking.

The person in our business responsible for assessing matters relating to slavery and human trafficking is Chris Hornzee-Jones.

We also encourage all employees to report on any matters relating to slavery or human trafficking in our supply chains of which they become aware.