## Modern Slavery Act Statement

## **Introduction**

Actis is committed to promoting world-class standards in health and safety, environmental protection, social issues and business integrity (including sound corporate governance and transparent accounting). This includes taking all reasonable steps to eliminate the risk of slavery and human trafficking in any part of our business or primary supply chain.

Modern slavery generally encompasses slavery, servitude, forced and compulsory labour and human trafficking. Traffickers and slave drivers coerce, deceive and force individuals against their will into a life of abuse, servitude and inhumane treatment.

This statement is issued on behalf of Actis LLP, Actis GP LLP and their UK incorporated subsidiaries (together "Actis") pursuant to Section 54 of the UK Modern Slavery Act 2015 (the "Act") in respect of the financial year ending on 31 December 2020 Actis LLP and Actis GP LLP are regulated by the UK Financial Conduct Authority.

## Our business

Actis is a global platform and a leading investor in growth markets across Africa, Asia and Latin America and focuses on investments within the Private Equity, Energy, Real Estate, and Infrastructure sectors. We invest with a particular focus on intra-growth market investing (our 'south-south' approach): sharing knowledge and experience across regions and businesses to help deliver consistent competitive returns, responsibly. Founded in 2004, we have an unparalleled heritage in growth markets, set within a culture of active ownership. We have raised USD\$15bn since inception and we operate through 17 offices globally.

# Our responsible investment approach

Investing responsibly is particularly important in the markets where we invest. We aim to ensure that civic society, our investors, our employees and the wider community all benefit from our investment activities as we work to build successful sustainable businesses.

Actis has been a signatory to the UN-supported Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) since 2009, and has reported publicly to the PRI since 2010. Since 2015 when PRI launched a Reporting and Assessment process to measure signatories' ESG activities and reporting frameworks, Actis has achieved an A+ rating.

Our responsible investment (RI) approach means that across all sectors we actively seek opportunities to create long-term, sustainable value. We integrate an assessment of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) standards into our investment decision making (see the following link <u>Actis Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Code</u> This approach means that:

• before making an investment our due diligence review will consider the operational risks of the relevant business (which will include an assessment of supply chain risk where relevant); and

• post investment, we seek to apply international best practice in ESG standards across our portfolio, in addition to complying with the local regulatory environment.

As part of this approach we also recognise the importance of engaging with our business partners to encourage them to adopt such standards. We expect them to understand and share our commitment to integrating the management of those standards and practices into their business processes. This includes responsible supply chain management processes.

We maintain a full-time in-house team of ESG professionals to support the development and implementation of our policies and best practice.

### Our Social Impact and Human Capital policy

The objective of our Social policy is to safeguard the rights, dignity, health and safety of any person who has dealings with the businesses in which Actis invests. This includes:

- treating all Actis employees fairly and to respect their dignity, well-being and diversity;
- requiring the businesses in which Actis invests to treat all of their employees and contractors fairly, and to respect their dignity, well-being and diversity;
- being objective, consistent and fair with all Actis stakeholders;
- working towards compliance of Actis investments with the International Labour Organisation Fundamental Conventions, the UN Declaration of Human Rights and IFC Performance Standard 2: Labour and Working Conditions; and
- complying with the UK Modern Slavery Act 2015.

In addition, our policy is that Actis aims only to invest in businesses which do not:

- employ forced labour of any kind, either directly or via their primary supply chain; or
- engage in or support any practices relating to slavery, forced or compulsory labour or human trafficking; or
- allow children below the minimum age<sup>1</sup> to form part of its workforce (either directly or via its primary supply chain); or
- allow any worker under the age of 18 to undertake hazardous work

<sup>1</sup> The "minimum age" is the higher of (i) 14 years of age or (ii) the minimum age of employment permitted by the law of the country where the employment takes place or (iii) the age established for completing compulsory education in that country. This may reference the International Labour Organization (ILO) standards, through the applicable ILO Conventions / Protocols ratified by the country, or guiding recommendations such as ILO Convention No. 138 and its Recommendation No. 146, and ILO Convention No. 182 and Recommendation No. 190.

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Actis does not support and is not aware of any dealings with any business which is involved in modern slavery and we will not knowingly work with any party who we suspect is connected with any such conduct or behaviour. Nonetheless we recognise the heightened risk of becoming involved with modern slavery in some of the countries where Actis has a presence and where we invest, primarily where we engage with contractors or third party service providers.

In the event that we became aware of a heightened risk of modern slavery with respect to our own operations or any investment in our portfolio, then we would require the development of a clearly articulated action plan as to how that risk was to be addressed and eliminated. In all such scenarios our objective would be to have a zero tolerance of any form of modern slavery.

### Our supply chain

A supply chain is a system of organisations, people and activities to bring a product or service from inception to the sale and delivery of such product or service to the end user.

As a manager of alternative investment Funds, Actis' supply chain is relatively short, and is comprised of predominantly professional and business service providers. As the relationship between (i) a fund (and its manager) and (ii) a portfolio company is one of investor to investee, and not a relationship based on the supply of goods or services, our investment portfolio does not form part of our supply chain. Similarly, our non UK offices fall outside ambit of the Act. However, our responsible investment approach means that we are equally committed to address the risk of modern slavery and to eliminate its existence, regardless of whether it arises in our own operations or in our investments (and regardless of geography).

## Our own operations

We undertake a risk assessment as to whether our contractors and third party service providers ("suppliers") are likely to be affected by modern slavery and this includes considering the type of business in question and the location from which the relevant service is provided.

Generally, we manage the risk of such suppliers having an involvement with modern slavery through a number of mitigating controls including:

- general due diligence and referencing of the relevant parties prior to their engagement;
- a risk assessment of suppliers to determine whether specific and bespoke due diligence measures are appropriate (e.g. site visits or agreeing with certain suppliers what mitigating steps are required);
- A clear statement as to what we expect with respect to any connection with modern slavery (and our zero tolerance approach)being made available;
- ongoing monitoring of any material change in the risk associated with a particular supplier (which may result in specific actions being implemented e.g. ceasing to use an existing supplier); and
- the use of counter parties who we believe to be reputable.

#### Our investments

As part of our existing responsible investment approach, we undertake ESG due diligence at the time of investment. Alongside many other ESG risks, the risk of slavery and human trafficking is assessed and, if

necessary, detailed due diligence would be undertaken to ensure that the company's operations do not involve these activities.

For each of our investments, we request that management/our business partners sign up to an ESG undertaking as part of the shareholders agreement. Whilst this has always referred to fair treatment of employees with respect to remuneration and conditions of employment, in 2017 this was enhanced to include a reference to ensuring that modern slavery is not taking place within the business and its operations, including its primary supply chain.

For those companies whose operations may give rise to a potential risk of modern slavery in their supply chains, our Responsible Investing and deal teams work closely with management to strengthen and improve systems and controls to mitigate this risk. This would include, for example, ensuring that a robust Responsible Sourcing policy and programme was in place.

#### Our policies

We have always had a zero tolerance approach to modern slavery across our business. With respect to our own operations our Supplier Code of Conduct clearly sets out (i) the standards our suppliers are expected to adopt in relation to managing their business operations, including their primary supply chain and (ii) the sanctions for breach of that Code. With respect to our investments, the Social Impact and Human Capital section in our Responsible Investment policy makes specific reference to forced and child labour, supply chain risk and appropriate labour practices.

Actis' Supplier Code of Conduct is available here: <u>Supplier Code of Conduct</u>. Actis' Social Impact and Human Capital policy and its other policies in relation to the Environment, Climate Change and Business Integrity are available here: <u>Actis Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Code</u>

#### Effectiveness and training

During 2020 we will continue to monitor our supply chain and our portfolio with a view to identifying and managing any heightened risk of modern slavery.

We will also keep under review what ongoing training is appropriate for our staff, particularly those who manage key supplier relationships and those deal team members who are involved in the management of higher risk investments.

Actis maintains a dedicated whistleblower facility which may be used by anyone who has questions or concerns relating to the conduct of Actis, its people or its companies. This facility provides access to our Responsible Investing team via Responsi

# <u>Approval</u>

This statement was approved by the members of Actis LLP and Actis GP LLP on 4 June 2020.

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