

Anti Bribery Policy

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Introduction

Mercon LTD is committed to implementing and enforcing effective systems to counter bribery. Therefore, it is the company's policy to conduct all aspects of its business in an honest and ethical manner at all times.

Under UK law (UK Bribery Act 2010), bribery and corruption is punishable for individuals by up to ten years imprisonment. If Mercon LTD is found to have taken part in the corruption or lacks adequate procedures to prevent Bribery, it could face an unlimited fine and be excluded from tendering for Government contracts.

Policy

The aim of this policy is to help Mercon Ltd act in accordance with the Bribery Act 2010, maintain the highest possible standards of business practice and advise individuals of the company's 'zero-tolerance' to bribery.

This policy applies to all permanent and fixed-term staff employed by Mercon Ltd, and any contractors, consultants or other persons acting under or on behalf of the company.

Mercon will not:

- Make contributions of any kind with the purpose of gaining any commercial advantage.
- Provide gifts or hospitality with the intention of persuading anyone to act improperly, or to influence a public official in the performance of their duties.
- Make, or accept, "kickbacks" of any kind.

Mercon's Responsibility

The company will:

- Keep appropriate internal records that will evidence the business reason for making any payments to third parties.
- Encourage employees to raise concerns about any issue or suspicion of malpractice at the earliest possible stage.
- See that anyone raising a concern about bribery will not suffer any detriment as a result, even if they turn out to be mistaken.

Employee and Sub-contractors' responsibility:

Employees and sub-contractors must not:

- Accept any financial or other reward from any person in return for providing some favour.
- Request a financial or other reward from any person in return for providing some favour.
- Offer a financial or other reward from any person in return for providing some favour.



Non-Compliance

All employees and sub-contractors have a role to play in enforcing the policy and are required to deal with any observed or reported breaches. Should employees or sub-contractors feel apprehensive about their own safety in regard to addressing any breach, they should seek senior management support.

Failure to comply with this policy may lead to a lack of clarity over job role, learning needs or expected standards of performance, resulting in reduced effectiveness or efficiency, underperformance and putting service delivery at risk.

Any member of staff refusing to observe the policy will be liable to disciplinary action in accordance with the Mercon's Disciplinary Policy up to and including dismissal.

Implementation of the Policy

Overall responsibility for policy implementation and review rests with Mercon senior management. However, all employees and sub-contractors are required to adhere to and support the implementation of the policy. Mercon will inform all existing employees about this policy and their role in the implementation of the policy. They will also give all new employees notice of the policy on induction to the Company.

This policy will be implemented through the development and maintenance of procedures for appraisals and one-to-one meetings, using template forms, and guidance given to both managers and employees on the process.

This policy was approved & authorised by:

Date of Issue: 29 March 2023

Signed:



Date of Next Review: 29 March 2024

Print Name: Petru Mereacre

Position: Director



Monitoring Policy

The policy will be monitored on an on-going basis, monitoring of the policy is essential to assess how effective Mercon has been.

Reviewing Policy

This policy will be reviewed and, if necessary, revised in the light of legislative or codes of practice and organisational changes. Improvements will be made to the management by learning from experience and the use of established reviews.

Policy Amendments

Should any amendments, revisions, or updates be made to this policy it is the responsibility of Mercon's senior management to see that all relevant employees receive notice. Written notice and/or training will be considered.

Additional Information

If you require any additional information or clarification regarding this policy, please contact your manager. In the unlikely event where you are unhappy with any decision made, you should use Mercon's formal Grievance Procedure.

To the extent that the requirements of this policy reflect statutory provisions, they will alter automatically when and if those requirements are changed.

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