# **FERREXPO**

# **MODERN SLAVERY ACT STATEMENT**

# FERREXPO PLC, FERREXPO FINANCE PLC

This statement is made pursuant to section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

#### UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: TARGET 8.7

Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour including recruitment and use of child soldiers and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms



# DESCRIPTION OF THE GROUP

Ferrexpo is a Swiss headquartered iron ore company with assets in Ukraine and a premium listing on the London Stock Exchange in the FTSE 250 index (ticker FXPO). The Group produces high grade iron ore pellets, which are a premium product for the global steel industry and enable reduced carbon emissions and increased productivity for steelmakers when converted into steel, compared to more commonly traded forms of iron ore. Ferrexpo's operations have been supplying the global steel industry for over 50 years. Before Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, the Group was the world's third largest exporter of pellets to the global steel industry. The Group has a global customer base comprising of premium steel mills around the world, which includes steel mills in Austria, Germany, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, China, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Turkey, Vietnam and America. For further information, please visit www.ferrexpo.com.

#### APPROACH TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND MODERN SLAVERY

Ferrexpo's Code of Conduct encompasses a wide range of financial, social and environmental stipulations, including a safe working environment, non-discrimination and equality, freedom of association and anti-bribery. Ferrexpo believes in fundamental human rights and dignity for all people, as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Ferrexpo supports the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, which outlines the duties and responsibilities of industry to address business-related human rights issues.

The Code of Conduct reflects the Company's commitment to supporting human rights and to taking all possible steps to ensure that slavery and human trafficking are not taking place in any part of the Group's supply chains or businesses. For further information, please see the Group's Code of Conduct. Ferrexpo requires that its business partners follow the same commitment, which is also reflected in the Business Partners' Code of Conduct.

The Company is committed to contributing to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals set by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015, including the ones related to the human rights. To be in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights Ferrexpo has adopted the Human Rights Policy. To learn more,

please refer to the Human Rights Policy and Ferrexpo's Responsible Business Reports published regularly by the Company.

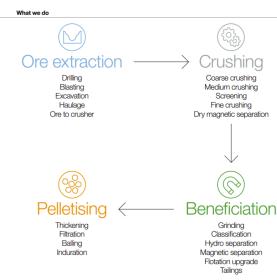
# STRUCTURE OF BUSINESS

Ferrexpo plc is incorporated in the United Kingdom and headquartered in Switzerland. It has iron ore mining and processing operations in Central Ukraine while its sales and logistics operations are based in Switzerland, Ukraine, UAE, Singapore, China and Japan. Ferrexpo plc ultimately owns 100% of all operating subsidiaries. Ferrexpo Poltava Mining has a 49.9% holding in LLC Tis-Ruda, which is the Group's primary shipping terminal in Ukraine for seaborne markets. The Group also has a wholly owned logistics subsidiary in Austria - First-DDSG Logistics Holding GmBH. Ferrexpo Finance plc is also registered in the UK. Ferrexpo's business model is shown below. The Company creates value for its stakeholders through the careful development of its long-life iron ore deposit in Ukraine. Vital to Ferrexpo's ongoing success are the people who the Group employs, continued investment into its operations, ongoing development of its diversified global customer base and the support of the communities.

#### Our key resources

- 1. Long-life iron ore deposit in Ukraine
- 2. Well-invested production process
- 3. Skilled workforce
- Infrastructure network (with access to water/ electricity/gas)
- 5. Global logistics capability
- Customer relationships (with high quality 'crisis-resistant' steel mills)
- 7. Financial stability

**COMPANY'S PURPOSE** 



Sustainable stakeholder relationsh
Employees

Wages and salaries paid

Customers Revenue generated

Suppliers

Communities Charitable donations

Environment Money spent to safeguard the environme

Government

**Investors** Dividends declared for the financial yea

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Capital providers Debt repaid and interest payments

# KEY SUPPLIERS AND CONTRACTORS/SUPPLY CHAIN

Ferrexpo's operations are supported by a global supply chain for goods and services. This supply chain includes suppliers of raw, direct and indirect materials, skilled labour and services required for the Group's operations, and a wide range of legal, technical and administrative professional services. The most significant expenditure is on electricity, gas, diesel fuel, spare parts, labour, explosives, and steel grinding media. The vast majority of suppliers by value are located in Ukraine.

#### POLICIES AND CONTROLS

#### Counter-party risk assessment and due diligence

Ferrexpo produces and markets premium

guality iron ore pellets, vital for sustainable steel

production and essential to modern life.

Ferrexpo conducts every aspect of its work in a way that recognises and supports the human rights of employees, counterparties and every person with whom we have contact. To the extent possible, we seek to identify and address human rights risks and violations in our sphere of influence. We understand that the Company's activities impact human rights in connection with labour conditions, local community programmes and more. We engage with communities and seek to understand the social, cultural, environmental and economic implications of our activities so that we can respond to concerns, reduce impacts and optimise the benefits for the community.

We encourage our suppliers to follow our commitment to human rights. If there are identified human rights breaches in relation to a customer, supplier, contractor, agent or any other person undertaking work on behalf of Ferrexpo and there is no clear commitment to corrective action, persistent inaction, or a lack of improvement, then our work with that person or entity shall cease immediately. With respect to the workforce within Ferrexpo and entities in its supply chain, we do not permit the employment of child labour, nor do we allow forced or other forms of involuntary labour.

The Group has implemented the holistic risk management system that ensures early identification, assessment and treatment of risks. The risk of modern slavery in Ferrexpo's supply chain is routinely considered as part of the Group's risk assessment process. There are no operations within the Ferrexpo Group which have been assessed as having a high or medium degree of risk of involuntary labour in any form occurring.

The Group performs due diligence checks on an ongoing basis to detect, assess and manage potential third-party risks, which include looking for evidence or suspicion of human rights abuses. Suppliers identified as "high risk", for whatever reason, are separately reviewed on a regular basis by the Finance, Risk Management and Compliance Committee ("FRMCC"), which decides upon risk mitigation measures or avoidance of any relations with such a supplier.

#### Assessing the effectiveness of steps

In 2023 no signs of modern slavery, including forced labour or human trafficking, were identified within our business or any of the Group's suppliers.

Ferrexpo has a Business Partners' Code of Conduct, which sets out Ferrexpo's requirements to its counterparties, including those related to the human rights, anti-slavery and anti-trafficking. In 2023 reference to the Code was included in the majority of the supply contracts.

#### **Compliance with Policies**

Ferrexpo has a system of reporting any breaches of Company policies (including the Code of Conduct which incorporates slavery and trafficking matters) available to all employees and counter-parties. Ferrexpo Integrity Line is available at http://ferrexpo.com/IntegrityLine and by telephone, operated by an independent provider to ensure confidentiality. In case of a suspected breach by a supplier of an anti-slavery condition, Ferrexpo's compliance and internal audit departments will investigate and, if appropriate, the contract will be terminated.

As part of its risk mitigation policy Ferrexpo aims to have a diversity of source of supply in order to avoid excessive dependence on certain suppliers, so in most cases the Group is able to change suppliers if required.

# TRAININGS

To raise awareness around modern slavery topics, the training on Modern slavery Act was conducted for the employees of the commercial departments of Ferrexpo.

#### **STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN 2024**

Ferrexpo will continue monitoring of its supply chain for signs of forced labour or human trafficking, and implementing its requirements in the field of human rights in its relationships with the suppliers.

Training sessions related to the modern slavery issues are planned to be held during annual Ferrexpo's Compliance Week.

Ferrexpo will:

- continue to have a zero-tolerance approach to modern slavery;
- prevent, detect and report slavery in Ferrexpo and supply chain;
- continue to assess modern slavery risks before entering into contracts with suppliers and include relevant modern slavery provisions in suppliers' contracts;
- train suppliers to mitigate modern slavery risks;
- monitor the suppliers;
- expect our counterparties throughout their supply chains to comply with the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

# FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on the Group's approach to human rights and employee relations, please, see the 2022 Responsible Business Report on Ferrexpo's website.

# **BOARD APPROVAL**

This statement has been approved by the Board of Ferrexpo plc on the 9th of February, 2024.

Lucio Genovese

**Executive Chair** 

Ferrexpo plc