

MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT

METRICS CREDIT HOLDINGS

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INTRODUCTION TO METRICS AND OUR MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT

This Modern Slavery Statement has been prepared by Metrics Credit Holdings Pty Ltd ('**MCH**') (ABN 66 150 647 091) and its controlled entities and related bodies corporate (collectively referred to as 'Metrics', 'we' or 'our') in respect of the financial year ended 30 June 2022 (the '**reporting period**'). MCH is incorporated in Australia and is a private company. A wholly owned subsidiary of MCH, Metrics Credit Partners Pty Ltd (ABN 27 150 646 996), holds an Australian Financial Services License (AFSL 416146).

Metrics is a leading Australian non-bank lender and alternative asset manager specialising in fixed income, private credit, equity and capital markets. Through our managed funds we provide access to the Australian private debt market to investors ranging from individuals to global institutions. Metrics provides investment management, fund administration, agency, security trustee services and loan administration services and as at 30 June 2022 had assets under management in excess of A\$12 billion.

MCH was incorporated in May 2011. MCH is owned by the Managing Partners of Metrics (65%) and Pinnacle Investment management Limited ACN 109 659 109, a wholly owned subsidiary of Pinnacle Investment Management Group Limited (ASZ: PNI) (35%). The day to day operations and investment decisions undertaken by Metrics are completely independent of Pinnacle.

Metrics has voluntarily prepared this Modern Slavery Statement (the '**Statement**') following the requirements and reporting criteria under the Australian Modern Slavery Act 2018 (the '**Act**') for the 2022 reporting period.

We acknowledge that modern slavery can occur in every industry and geography and can have severe consequences for victims. As such, we would like to communicate our commitment to respect human rights in our operations and value chain, which includes taking steps to assess, address and report on any potential modern slavery risks. For the purposes of this Statement, Metrics will be adopting the definition of modern slavery as described in the Act, which includes the following types of human exploitation:

- > Trafficking in persons
- > Slavery
- > Servitude
- > Forced marriage
- > Forced labour
- > Debt bondage
- > Deceptive recruitment for labour or services
- > The worst forms of child labour

This Statement was not lodged with the Australian Border Force and was solely prepared to be published on Metrics' own website and to be distributed to relevant stakeholder groups as required.



OVERVIEW OF OUR OPERATIONS AND SUPPLY CHAIN

OUR OPERATIONS

Metrics offers tailored capital solutions to corporates and other entities of all sizes and across most industries¹, predominately in Australia and New Zealand, with limited exposures to companies with operations in certain European, North American and Asian markets.

As at 30 June 2022, MCH's registered office was located at 2 Ridge Street, North Sydney and Metrics employed 112 staff across origination, portfolio management, sustainable finance, portfolio risk, legal, finance and fund accounting, loan administration and agency, corporate services, IT, internal audit and compliance, marketing and external relations. Metrics' staff work from offices located in North Sydney, Melbourne and Auckland, New Zealand.

Metrics undertakes a broad range of activities such as funds management and investment management services including, but not limited to, undertaking capital raisings and debt capital financings for funds managed by Metrics, managing investment capital budgets, capital calls, distributions and redemption payments in conjunction with the appointed trustee/responsible entity and fund administrator and reviewing and approving the financial accounts prepared for investor funds managed by Metrics. Metrics also undertakes agency, security trustee services and investment and portfolio asset management activities, which typically involve the origination of investment opportunities aligned with our investment mandates, due diligence activities, ongoing loan management and monitoring of asset performance and investment risks.

We launched our first wholesale fund in 2013 and we are the manager of a number of wholesale investment trusts in addition to the Metrics Master Income Trust (ASX:MXT), which successfully listed on the ASX in October 2017, the Metrics Income Opportunities Trust (ASX: MOT) which listed on the ASX in April 2019 and the unlisted retail fund, Metrics Direct Income Fund, launched in October 2020. Metrics' experienced investment team comprises the four Managing Partners who are supported by a team of highly qualified investment professionals with skills and experience covering origination, credit and financial analysis, portfolio risk management, legal, and fund administration. Metrics has a centralised management team, with the four Managing Partners overseeing operations of all entities.

MODERN SLAVERY WORKING GROUP

During the reporting period, Metrics established a Modern Slavery Working Group comprising of representatives from various divisions, including our Managing Partners. The working group has been tasked with developing and overseeing our approach to identifying, managing and reporting on modern slavery risks.

OUR SUPPLY CHAIN

During the reporting period, Metrics utilised approximately 450 suppliers of different sizes and predominately based in Australia and New Zealand, with a small number of our suppliers operating overseas including in Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The majority of our suppliers by value are professional service providers including trustee services, consulting and accounting firms, legal advisors and insurance providers. Office support suppliers are also utilised, including cleaning service providers, IT software and service providers, office supplies providers and recruitment firms.

¹Metrics will not invest in the development of new oil and gas fields or entities that:

- > Operate in the tar sands industry
- > Operate in the tobacco industry
- > Operate in the pornography industry
- > Are involved in weapons manufacturing or distribution
- > Contribute to deforestation of native timber, particularly rainforest
- > May be involved in political organisations, tax avoidance schemes or violation of human rights or labour law
- > Operate in any other industries as may be determined from time to time by the Investment Committee.

> Operate in the coal industry

MODERN SLAVERY RISKS IN OUR OPERATIONS AND VALUE CHAIN

We acknowledge that although, as a financial services organisation, the risks of modern slavery within our direct operations is very low as we rely on highly skilled professionals to execute the work required for us to operate, risks may nonetheless exist in our supply chains, other thirdparty relationships, and investing activities. We understand that high risk areas for financial services firms include IT procurement, logistics, and property and building services, as outlined in ACSI's 2019 report: *Modern slavery risks, rights and responsibilities*.

Our workforce comprises mostly permanent, full-time staff located in Australia & New Zealand. Metrics did not engage any agency workers during the reporting period, nor did we sponsor any working visas. Our employees are typically highly skilled investment professionals, all of whom have the benefit of our policies on anti-bullying, anti-harassment and mental health and wellbeing (please refer to section 4, 'Assessing and Addressing Modern Slavery Risks' of this Statement for more information around our policies). As such, we believe that the risk of modern slavery in our operations is very low.

Metrics has also undertaken a high-level assessment to identify any overarching modern slavery risks throughout both our supply chain and our investing activities. We present the outcomes of this analysis below.

RISKS WITHIN OUR SUPPLY CHAIN

A high-level analysis of our spend data has shown that the vast majority of our suppliers during the reporting period were Australian or New Zealand-based entities and overall, our analysis has not identified any suppliers providing services to Metrics through operations in high-risk geographies. This assessment was based on data from the Global Slavery Index.

Although most of our suppliers are based in and provide services to Metrics through low-risk jurisdictions, a number of them operate in what are typically considered high-risk industries, including but not limited to:

- > Cleaning services
- > IT equipment
- > Office supplies
- > Hospitality
- > Food and Beverage
- > Utilities

Metrics will continue to develop its risk assessment approach in future periods to ensure that our organisation has in place appropriate tools and capabilities to ensure that risks of our organisation causing, contributing or being linked to modern slavery are promptly identified and dealt with.

RISK ASSOCIATED WITH OUR INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES

In FY2022, we financed approximately 300 businesses across 10 key sectors:

- > Real Estate
- > Health Care
- > Materials
- > Utilities
- > Financials
- > Industrials
- > Information Technology
- > Consumer Discretionary
- > Energy
- > Consumer Staples

Metrics used resources and tools provided by government publications, including the Modern Slavery Risk Assessment Template, to undertake a high-level review of high-risk sub-industries financed during the reporting period. Based on our analysis, we have concluded that the following industries are of higher risk:

- > Health Care Providers & Services
- > Construction Materials
- > Independent Power and Renewable Electricity Producers
- > Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure
- > Metals & Mining
- > Construction & Engineering
- > Health Care Equipment & Supplies
- > Food & Staples Retailing
- > Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods

We have also considered the geographic location of our borrowers, including whether these entities operate or are headquartered overseas. Our preliminary, high-level analysis has indicated a number of borrowers with some degree of global operations, spanning 27 countries. Our analysis indicates that some of our borrowers may operate in countries where modern slavery may be more prevalent as per the Global Slavery Index's analysis, including for example China, South Africa, Singapore, Vietnam, Indonesia, Russia, Nepal, India, Malaysia and Thailand. Metrics will continue to analyse our borrowers' exposure to high-risk geographies in future periods.

Below we provide two case studies focusing on risks within certain sectors including:

- > A more in-depth overview of the potential modern slavery risks in the construction industry, an industry that Metrics is invested in through the financing of property development and real estate activities
- > An analysis of potential risks in the renewable energy sector, an area in which Metrics is likely to increasingly invest in future periods as we support the transition to a decarbonised economy.

IN FOCUS > RISK OF MODERN SLAVERY IN CONSTRUCTION

The construction sector's key risk factors, according to the Responsible Sourcing Tool², include:

- > Hazardous/undesirable work
- > Vulnerable, easily replaced, and/or low-skilled workforce
- > Migrant workforce
- Presence of labor contractors, recruiters, agents or other middlemen in labour supply chain

The sector covers a wide variety of economic activity, including the building, maintenance, demolition, renovation and repair of structures including houses, industrial facilities, airports, roads, bridges, and stadiums. Enterprises within the construction sector can include self-employed individuals, labour contractors, materials suppliers and international engineering firms. Wood, brick, nails and power tools are some of the many materials and tools used on construction sites.

According to the Responsible Sourcing Tool, construction workers can be at higher risk for trafficking and labour exploitation due to "intersecting points of vulnerability", including low barriers of entry to gain employment, low wage typically paid in the industry, the fact that labourers tend to disproportionately be migrant workers, and the fact that the work tends to be hazardous.

Research undertaken by the Global Slavery Index indicates that construction is one of the industries within Australia where incidents of forced labour exploitation are more prevalent³.

Even though according to this research, historically, those identified as victims of labour exploitation were working as domestic workers, there has been an increase of reported cases within Australia in industries like construction. Additionally, the International Labour Organization (ILO) considers construction to be one of the primary sectors in which workers can be highly vulnerable to human trafficking. Analysis by the Responsible Sourcing Tool indicates that because there are no formal training requirements for construction labourers these workers tend to be paid lower wages and can be intimidated by the fact that should they express grievances, they can be quickly replaced.

Temporary or casual workers are another particularly vulnerable group as job insecurity can lead to fear of expressing grievances while accepting poor working conditions such as forced overtime and harassment.

Child labour has also been detected in the sector in certain developing countries.

Finally, migrant workers who are particularly vulnerable to exploitation and human trafficking make up a significant portion of workers in this sector.

It is for the reasons stated above that we believe that construction workers are more vulnerable to exploitation and modern slavery, even in countries like Australia. Metrics will be giving special consideration to high-risk industries such as this one as we further develop our approach to managing modern slavery risk.

² The Responsible Sourcing Tool is the result of the collaboration between Verité and the U.S. Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons. ³ Global Slavery Index, 2018 Findings, Country Studies: Australia <u>https://www.globalslaveryindex.org/2018/findings/country-studies/australia</u>/

IN FOCUS > CLIMATE CHANGE, MODERN SLAVERY AND FINANCING THE TRANSITION TO A GREENER ECONOMY

Metrics recognises the global climate emergency and the impact of human activity on climate change and supports the Paris Agreement goals of:

- > Limiting global temperature rise to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, recognising that this would significantly reduce the risks and impacts of climate change
- Making finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development

Our aim is to be recognised as a leader in financing the acceleration of, and mainstreaming of, environmental sustainability across the real economy at a pace that reflects the urgency of the situation we face. We seek to lead by example, by looking for ways to operate our business with minimal environmental impact and by financing solutions that will promote a just transition to a low carbon economy, resilience to the effects of climate change, sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources, responsible use of resources, pollution prevention and the protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems.

As part of this commitment, Metrics actively supports the adoption of renewable or lower carbon fuels and energy sources.

As an asset manager looking to allocate capital to climate solutions contributing to a decarbonised economy, we understand that we have a critical role to play in ensuring that we finance businesses that recognise, and take steps to protect, fundamental human rights.

According to a report by the Australian Human Rights Commission and KPMG⁴, given that metals and minerals are fundamental to the production of certain renewable technologies, entities should be conscious of the potential modern slavery risks in supply chains as many of these minerals are extracted in geographies with low labour rights protections and/or a heightened risk of child labour. Furthermore, according to a report published by the Business and Human Rights Resource Center⁵, allegations of human rights abuses in the renewable energy sector continue to grow globally, jeopardising the transition to a low cardon economy.

Since 2010, the Business & Human Rights Resource Centre has identified a plethora of allegations of human rights abuses globally related to renewable energy projects. These allegations include but are not limited to:

- > Threats, and intimidation
- > Land grabs
- > Dangerous working conditions and poverty wages
- > Harm to indigenous peoples' lives and livelihoods

It was also noted that most renewable energy companies did not have in place basic human rights policies and processes to help avoid or mitigate abuses and de-risk investment.

Understandably, renewable energy companies' failure to take action to safeguard human rights can lead to modern slavery risks being exacerbated.

Metrics understands that it is critical that we assess the potential for our organisation to cause, contribute to, or be directly linked to modern slavery through our operations, supply chains and financing activities. This is an ongoing process for Metrics, one that we will continue to develop and fine tune in upcoming periods.

⁴ Australian Human Rights Commission, Resources, energy and modern slavery: Practical responses to managing risks to people (2021) https://humanrights.gov.au/our-work/business-and-human-rights/publications/resources-energy-and-modern-slavery-practical

⁵ Business & Human Rights Resource Centre, Investing in renewable energy to power a just transition: a practical guide for investors

https://www.business-humanrights.org/en/from-us/briefings/investing-in-renewable-energy-to-power-a-just-transition-a-practical-guide-for-investors/

ASSESSING AND ADDRESSING MODERN SLAVERY RISKS

OUR BROADER FOCUS ON SUSTAINABILITY

Metrics has a responsibility to act in the best long-term interests of investors in our funds. Our approach to responsible investment and environmental, social and governance ('ESG') issues is growing in importance as regulation, climate change and societal expectations evolve.

We believe that environmental, social and governance issues present both risk and opportunity and can affect the performance of our funds and the long-term, risk-adjusted returns we ultimately deliver to our investors. We are therefore committed to incorporating ESG considerations into our investment analysis and decision-making process. We are also committed to playing our part in the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and contributing to a better future.

We acknowledge that, as a fund manager, the main channel through which we can influence the real world is through the companies in which we invest. We accept our responsibility as a fund manager to accelerate and mainstream sustainability across the real economy.

Furthermore, Metrics believes in upholding high ESG standards in the management of our firm and, in particular, in our human resource and supply chain practices. We promote a fair and equitable work environment that respects and values our employees and is free from discrimination and harassment.

We prohibit our employees from engaging in corruption in any form. We do not knowingly procure any goods or services from suppliers which are involved in modern slavery or environmental and social practices which fall below the standards expected by the community.

Metrics' Responsible Investment, Environmental, Social and Governance Policy ('<u>ESG Policy</u>') outlines our approach to incorporating broader responsible investment, environmental, social and governance factors into our investment management activities as well as the management of our business. Specifically, our ESG policy incorporates the following key policies:

- > Environment Policy
- > Social Policy
- > Governance Policy
- > Diversity and Inclusion Policy
- > Modern Slavery Policy
- > Responsible Investment Policy

Metrics' employees are instructed to report any breaches of our policies or procedures to a member of the Executive Management Committee or a Director of the Board of Metrics.

Metrics' Investment Committee, which consists of the four Managing Partners, is responsible for all investment decisions, oversight, monitoring and control of the investment assets held by funds managed by Metrics including ESG considerations such as modern slavery risks.

The Investment Committee has been established by the Metrics Board and reports directly to the Board on all matters including ESG considerations.

The Investment Committee is responsible for ensuring that our investment process reflects our ESG Policy and our commitments under the UN-supported Principles for Responsible Investment ('PRI'). Our Investment Committee is responsible for reviewing our ESG Policy quarterly and recommending amendments as needed.

Metrics includes detailed ESG risk analysis in our investment submissions. Material ESG issues are discussed by the Investment Committee and are an important input for the final investment decision. Certain ESG issues may be flagged to be reviewed during the ongoing investment monitoring process.

Other material ESG-related risks will be identified early in the investment screening process, on a case by case basis, by the deal teams and the Investment Committee. Companies where such risk could cause material deterioration in financial or operating performance over our investment horizon or represent reputational risk to either Metrics or our investors will be removed from further consideration.

We ensure, through new employee and ongoing training and regular internal updates, that our investment professionals and other staff are aware of our ESG Policy and understand how to best implement the values and commitments expressed in it and assess and manage ESG-related investment risks.

ADDRESSING MODERN SLAVERY RISKS

There were no incidents of modern slavery or any other human rights violations across our operations and value chain that have come to our attention during the reporting period.

All investment staff are required to consider ESG risks, including modern slavery, in preparing investment submissions. Similarly, our finance & fund accounting teams are responsible for considering modern slavery risk in our supply chain and our Managing Partners consider modern slavery risk in our other third-party relationships. Training and third-party research resources were provided to staff during the reporting period to help enhance their understanding of issues relating to modern slavery - for example, details of online courses offered by UTS/Anti-Slavery Australia on modern slavery were shared with relevant employees in our sustainable finance, finance & fund accounting, legal, external relations, internal audit and portfolio risk & compliance teams. In addition, members of the sustainable finance team have completed the ACAMS/FAST Initiative: Fighting modern Slavery and Human Trafficking online course and our Modern Slavery Working Group attended a live online training session provided by The Freedom Hub.

During the reporting period, members of Metrics' sustainable finance team joined the Responsible Investment Association Australasia ('RIAA') working group on Human Rights. The Human Rights Working Group was formed in order to allow members to come together in the interests of building stronger stewardship capabilities through more deeply understanding human rights, being able to identify and comment on due diligence processes and understand investor and company roles in remedying human rights abuses and violations.

As outlined in our Modern Slavery Policy, we are committed to playing our part in combating modern slavery by:

- > Ensuring the risk of modern slavery is considered in our investment decisions and the development of the products we offer
- > Understanding and appropriately managing modern slavery risks in our investments and our operations
- Developing robust systems to measure, monitor, and report on incidents of modern slavery affecting our investments and our operations
- > Engaging with the senior management of the entities in which we invest on modern slavery
- > Driving a culture of continuous improvement in relation to modern slavery identification and prevention
- > Complying with all applicable legal and regulatory requirements
- Communicating this policy to all employees, investors, entities in which we invest and other stakeholders, as well as making our Modern Slavery Policy available to the general public

Alongside our Modern Slavery Policy and as part of our commitment to diversity, inclusion and respect in the workplace, Metrics has adopted various other policies and initiatives including the following:

- > Anti-discrimination and Harassment Policy: The purpose of this policy is to affirm Metrics' commitment to providing a safe, respectful, fair and equitable work environment for all of its employees, suppliers, investors and clients free from all forms of discrimination, bullying, sexual harassment and victimisation.
- Mental Health and Wellbeing Policy: Metrics believes that the mental health and wellbeing of our Team is key to organisational success and sustainability. The purpose of this policy is for Metrics to establish, promote and maintain the mental health and wellbeing of all Team members through workplace practices, and encourage Team members to take responsibility for their own mental health and wellbeing.
- > Anti-bullying Policy: The purpose of this policy is to affirm Metrics' commitment to providing a workplace free from bullying. Metrics is committed to protecting all team members who may feel bullied by another team member, or a supplier, investor, client, or member of the public.

Metrics' team also celebrated International Women's Day, Pride and Harmony Week in its offices and attended cultural awareness events throughout the period, reinforcing our support for such initiatives, while team members also attended the following training courses with a focus on diversity and inclusion:

- > DCA's Indigenous Network: Speaking culture, knowledge and Australia's truth
- > AIC/McKinsey: Addressing unconscious bias, increasing conscious inclusion
- Equity at work: Practical tools for building an inclusive workplace
- > SBS: Indigenous awareness training
- > Arrilla: Indigenous cultural competency training

ASSESSING OUR EFFECTIVENESS

During the reporting period, Metrics' primary focus was setting up appropriate governance mechanisms, including the formation of a Modern Slavery Working Group, to help identify key risk areas and develop a plan to address those risks in line with our Modern Slavery Policy.

Metrics also rolled out a series of ESG & Sustainability questionnaires to our borrowers which included questions on their management of human rights risk, to help us better understand our borrowers' approach to managing such risks as well as identifying any areas of heightened concern. We expect that over time, these questionnaires will act as a mechanism that will allow Metrics to monitor modern slavery risks in the medium and long term and to assess effectiveness of actions taken by our borrowers.

At this early stage we are unable to robustly assess the effectiveness of measures undertaken to date. However, we will continue to develop our approach to managing modern slavery risks and explore using appropriate key performance indicators to help us measure how effective our actions have been in addressing modern slavery in future periods.

CONSULTATION

As previously mentioned, Metrics' Managing Partners oversee the activities of all operating entities. The supplier and employee data provided in this Statement represent all of our operations in Australia and New Zealand. This Statement was prepared by Metrics' sustainable finance team and members of the Modern Slavery Working Group, which includes representatives across all Metrics businesses in Australia. All relevant employees of the various operating entities that MCH controls were consulted during the development of this Statement.

During and after the end of the reporting period, the Modern Slavery Working Group discussed details of the Act's reporting requirements, information regarding the actions we intend to take to address these requirements and provided key internal stakeholders with relevant materials and updates.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND FUTURE PLANS

ENHANCING OUR APPROACH TO MANAGING MODERN SLAVERY RISKS

Metrics is dedicated to continuing to strengthen our approach to identifying and mitigating modern slavery risks. Our Modern Slavery Working Group has been tasked with identifying actions and setting forward a plan to enhance our approach to:

- > Internal and external reporting on modern slavery
- > Supplier and borrower risks assessments
- > Policy enhancements
- > Identifying appropriate training opportunities for Metrics' employees
- > Measuring the effectiveness of our actions
- > Developing and implementing appropriate grievance and remediation mechanisms.

Metrics will continue to participate in RIAA's Human Rights Working Group in FY23. Metrics will also continue to engage with its borrowers through ESG & Sustainability questionnaires that include questions on their management of human rights and broader social risks.

ADDRESSING MANDATORY CRITERIA UNDER THE ACT

Metrics is dedicated to continuing to strengthen our approach to identifying and mitigating modern slavery risks

Criterion	Criterion	Page Reference
Criterion 1	Identify the reporting entity	3
Criterion 2	Describe the structure, operations and supply chains of the reporting entity	4
Criterion 3	Describe the risks of modern slavery practices in the operations and supply chains of the reporting entity, and any entities that the reporting entity owns or controls	5-8
Criterion 4	Describe the actions taken by the reporting entity and any entity that the reporting entity owns or controls, to assess and address those risks, including due diligence and remediation processes	9-10
Criterion 5	Describe how the reporting entity assesses the effectiveness of such actions	11
Criterion 6	Describe the process of consultation with: (i) any entities that the reporting entity owns or controls; and (ii) in the case of a reporting entity covered by a statement under section 14—the entity giving the statement	11
Criterion 7	Include any other information that the reporting entity, or the entity giving the statement, considers relevant	12

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This Modern Slavery Statement is signed and approved by the Managing Partners of Metrics Credit Holdings Pty Ltd.

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