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BP's Code of Conduct (the "**code**") underpins our expectations of our suppliers, including contractors, vendors, service providers and contingent labour ("**suppliers**"), their employees and suppliers. These expectations are not replacements or substitutes for the code itself or applicable laws, nor do they amend contracted obligations.

We want our suppliers to strive for sustainability in their supply chain, and innovation and excellence in their delivery. As a BP supplier, we also expect you to commit to, and act in accordance with our code.

We ask that you communicate these expectations to your employees, suppliers and business partners who may provide goods or services to BP, and that you:

## Compliance with laws

1. Comply with all laws and regulations applicable to the goods and services being provided.

## Health, safety and the environment ("HSE")

2. Conduct business in a way that supports BP's HSE goals of no accidents, no harm to people and no damage to the environment by taking a systematic approach to managing operating activities and HSE risks, complying with applicable HSE laws and regulations, and seeking to continuously improve health, safety and environmental performance. Encourage your workforce and suppliers to report any accident, injury, illness, or unsafe condition immediately, and stop work that could be unsafe, so that appropriate action can be taken.

## Bribery and corruption, money laundering, conflicts of interests and anti-competitive conduct

3. Promote transparency and accountability in the conduct and administration of business, including having in place effective processes and procedures to proactively prevent:
  - a) Bribery and corruption, including expressly prohibiting the direct or indirect giving, paying, promising or accepting of anything of value to obtain, retain or direct business, to secure an improper advantage or to influence someone including government officials to improperly perform their duties.

- b) Money laundering, including the act of hiding illegal funds (especially those with possible links to terrorism or criminal activity) or giving such funds apparent legitimacy.
- c) Actual or apparent conflicts of interest between personal and business interests, including using BP information and resources for improper gains.
- d) Anti-competitive conduct, including any form of agreement or understanding with competitors to fix prices, rig bids, allocate customers or restrict supply.
- e) Inappropriate provision of gifts, entertainment, or meals to BP personnel or third parties representing BP. When legitimately required in rare cases, they should be of modest value and appropriately-timed.

## International trade law

4. Comply with applicable international trade laws. Classify in advance, with appropriate labelling, documentation, licenses and approvals completed, all products intended for import or export, including the transfer or sharing of restricted software, technical data, or technology.

## Human rights and modern slavery

5. Respect the human rights and dignity of all people and meet the responsibilities of business set out in the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights including:
  - a) Ensuring no use of forced or compulsory labour, human trafficking, child labour, slavery or servitude and that all work is conducted voluntarily, without threat of penalty or sanction and not based on deception.
  - b) Identifying, avoiding, minimizing or mitigating and remedying any human rights impacts on communities.

## Protecting confidential information

6. Have effective protocols in place for securing and protecting BP information including:
  - a) Respecting the proprietary and intellectual property rights of BP.

- b) Having information classification protocols and adopting industry best practices, on sharing, protecting and securing information.
- c) Observing all data privacy legal requirements on the collection, processing and transfer of BP personal data.
- d) Reporting any suspected or actual information security incidents that impact BP information or systems to BP as soon as practically possible.

### Non-discrimination, grievance processes and freedom of association

- 7. Provide a workplace which:
  - a) Is free from harassment, intimidation, inhumane treatment and discrimination based on race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender or marital status.
  - b) Has mechanisms to allow workers to speak up or raise grievances without fear of retaliation.
  - c) Respects individual choices on trade union or works council membership within the appropriate national legal framework.

### Ethics and compliance

- 8. Have a programme in place to promote awareness and embed ethical business practices and compliance with laws in your business.

### Speak up

- 9. Promote a “speak-up” culture that does not tolerate retaliation. Provide a means for your employees, your suppliers and your business partners to speak up if they see something that is unsafe, unethical or potentially harmful involving BP’s businesses or activities. They may inform a member of BP’s management, or use BP’s confidential OpenTalk help line.

### References:

For further information please refer to the following:

- BP Code of Conduct <http://code.bp.com>
- UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights [http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/GuidingPrinciplesBusinessHR\\_EN.pdf](http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/GuidingPrinciplesBusinessHR_EN.pdf)
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