## Flogas Northern Ireland

## **Modern Slavery Act 2015**

# Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

#### 1. Our Policy

Flogas Northern Ireland is opposed to slavery and human trafficking in any part of our activities or our supply chains. We are therefore committed to ensuring that we have adequate policies and procedures in place to identify and prevent these practices.

We met the turnover threshold applicable under section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 in the period covered by this statement.

#### 2. Our Business

Flogas Northern Ireland is a distributor of liquid petroleum gas (LPG) and a supplier of natural gas in the energy sector. Seasonal work is a feature of the industry in which we operate. The LPG business is part of DCC Energy Limited. We operate a marine terminal in Belfast through which we import LPG, which we then distribute to our customers in bulk and cylinder form. More information on our business in available at <a href="https://www.flogasni.com">www.flogasni.com</a>.

We are a part of the DCC Group. DCC is a leading international sales, marketing, and support services group with a clear focus on performance and growth. Its headquarters are in Dublin, Ireland. It is listed on the London Stock Exchange and is a constituent of the FTSE 100 Index.

DCC currently has operations in 21 countries and employs approximately 15,000 people. Additional information on the Group is available at www.dcc.ie.

#### 3. Our Structure

Our business operates in Northern Ireland with sister operations in the Republic of Ireland. We also supply electricity in Northern Ireland that trades under the Budget Energy name. In the Republic of Ireland, we also supply LPG, natural gas and electricity. These businesses also trade under the Flogas name. We have a sister company called Clearpower which supplies biomass and provides energy services.

## 4. Our Supply Chains

The large majority of the products we use are sourced from reputable suppliers who are based in the UK and the European Union. We also source a limited number of products such as LPG appliances and cylinders from countries outside the EU (Mexico and Thailand).

The following table contains a summary of the activities that we consider present the highest risk of slavery and human trafficking in the industries in which we operate, with, in each case, a summary of the steps we have in place to avoid these affecting our activities or our supply chains.

Industry Risk	Steps Taken
Flogas Northern Ireland engage	The business recognises the risk that
brokers, agents, and contractors to	certain contractors might engage and
provide some services to customers,	exploit casual workers and has
including meter reading, sales	controls in place to ensure that it only
management, customer service and	appoints reputable contractors who
maintenance/removal of LPG	comply with
tanks.	applicable employment standards.
Flogas Northern Ireland purchases	The business recognises the risk of
certain products from businesses in	working with suppliers whose supply
Mexico and Thailand.	chain extends into areas outside the
	EU, and has taken additional due
	diligence steps to ensure that those
	third-party supply chains comply
	with
	applicable employment standards.

## 5. Our Policies on Slavery and Human Trafficking

The DCC *Code of Conduct* sets out our Group's commitment to acting ethically and with integrity towards our employees and in all our business relationships. Specifically, section 2 of the Code sets out our commitment to fair employment practices and section 14 of the Code sets out our commitment to preventing, as far as practicable, slavery and human trafficking in our supply chains.

The DCC Group *Supply Chain Integrity Policy* sets out the approach taken by every business in the DCC Group to ensuring that all the products we sell meet applicable legal and ethical standards.

In addition, the DCC *Human Rights Policy* sets out DCC's specific commitment to operate to internationally recognised standards of human rights, including in relation to forced labour, child labour and unsafe working conditions.

These documents are available at <a href="http://www.dcc.ie/responsibility/our-policies">http://www.dcc.ie/responsibility/our-policies</a>.

Our policy on slavery and human trafficking is set out in section 1 of this

statement.

The requirements of our *Code of Conduct*, Group *Supply Chain Integrity Policy*, *Human Rights Policy* and our own policy are reflected in the more detailed policies and procedures that we have in place in Flogas Northern Ireland. These are addressed in more detail in section 7 of this statement.

## 6. Due Diligence and Assessing and Managing Risk

As part of our compliance with the policies referred to above, we take the following steps:

- Assess potential risk areas in our supply chains;
- Mitigate the risk of slavery and human trafficking occurring in our supply chains, including by reviewing, where necessary, the controls that our suppliers have in place and carrying out other suitable checks;
- Monitor potential risk areas in our supply chains on a periodic basis.

## 7. Assurance and Key Performance Indicators

Responsibility for ensuring that our procedures are adequate and are adhered to in all areas of our activities rests with the directors of Flogas Northern Ireland. We report on compliance with the DCC Group *Code of Conduct* and *Supply Chain Integrity Policy* every six months.

#### 8. Training and Awareness

We provide training to relevant employees on supply chain risks, including the risk of slavery and human trafficking at suitable intervals. Our participation in industry associations and our dealings with suppliers also provide information on where slavery and human trafficking risks may arise in the industries where we are active and best practice in avoiding them.

## 9. Nature of this Statement

This statement is made pursuant to section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes our slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ended 31 March 2022. This statement has been approved by the board of directors of Flogas Northern Ireland.

John Rooney

**Managing Director** 

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Flogas Northern Ireland 31st March 2022