Statement on Modern Slavery

This statement for and on behalf of ThoughtWorks Holdings Limited and ThoughtWorks, Ltd. ("ThoughtWorks") is made pursuant to section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (the “Act”) and has been adopted by the Boards of both companies by way of Written Resolution on 25th September 2020. Both of the aforementioned entities are UK registered companies and are part of the wider ThoughtWorks group. ThoughtWorks is a business consulting and software company and a community of passionate, purpose-led individuals. We think disruptively to deliver technology to address our clients’ toughest challenges, all while seeking to revolutionise the IT industry and create positive social change.

ThoughtWorks’ mission is to better humanity through software and help drive the creation of a socially and economically just world. We abhor and reject discrimination and inequality and promote diversity in all its forms. We proudly, passionately and actively strive to make both ThoughtWorks and our industry more reflective and inclusive of the society that we serve. In the pursuit of this mission, ThoughtWorks shall uphold, and shall ensure its affiliates uphold, the highest ethical and legal standards. The foundation of our business model is based on three pillars, one of which is “Advocate passionately for social and economic justice”. More information about ThoughtWorks’ social justice pillar can be found here at: https://www.thoughtworks.com/social-justice.

ThoughtWorks prides itself on maintaining high standards of integrity and has workplace policies to ensure that all our employees are treated with respect regardless of gender, race, religion, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or any other protected characteristics. You can read more about our people and culture at https://www.thoughtworks.com/about-us. We strongly support the aim of eradicating modern slavery, forced labour¹ and human trafficking² and are committed to acting ethically and with transparency in our internal business operations and are committed to implementing the appropriate measures to ensure that the same standard is applied to external suppliers. We set working conditions and employ staff in compliance with applicable laws. Fostering a safe and healthy working environment for employees and supplier staff is of significant importance to our business and is supported by various workplace policies, including the recently launched Code of Conduct.

With regard to our internal business operation, we have assessed the likelihood of modern slavery and human trafficking existing within our own organization or supply chain to be very low. This is based, for example, on the nature of work performed by our employees as well as their working conditions and terms; the locations of our offices and those of our clients; the limited extent of, and the nature of the firms that make up our supplier network; and our recruitment process.

In order to ensure the prevention of modern slavery and human trafficking in our supply chain, we commit to reviewing our suppliers on a risk basis. On that basis, and for example, we have requested and hold the Modern Slavery Statements from certain suppliers such as, our cleaning and maintenance services company, couriers and document storage providers in particular as evidence of their commitment to uphold the necessary standards. We shall continue to request and hold Modern Slavery Statements from our suppliers on a regular basis.

We are confident that our extensive recruitment process that includes verifying an individual’s right to work in the United Kingdom, appropriate documentation in support of the employment relationship and adherence to minimum wage requirements go a long way to limiting the possibility of modern slavery or human trafficking existing within our organization. In addition, due to the nature of our global businesses which requires employees to travel to or from any of our group companies based outside of the United Kingdom, ThoughtWorks takes measures to ensure that this only takes place in strict adherence to local immigration rules including but not limited

¹ Forced labour involves coercion, either direct threats of violence or more subtle forms of compulsion. The key elements are that work or service is exacted from any person under the menace of any penalty and for which the person has not offered him/her self voluntarily.
² Slavery and Human Trafficking offences have the same definition as outlined in section 1 and 2, Part 1 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015.
to compliance with relevant local employment laws and wages standards.

Given our culture of open communication, we encourage all our employees, customers and other business partners to report any concerns related to the direct activities, or the supply chains of ThoughtWorks. This includes any circumstances that may give rise to an enhanced risk of modern slavery or human trafficking.

The process of identifying and eliminating risks of modern slavery and human trafficking from our organisation and supply chain requires continuous review and improvements to our practices and policies. We will continue to identify and make appropriate plans and implement measures to enhance our due diligence processes for current and future suppliers to lower the risks of such practices, and to ensure our ongoing compliance with the Act.

Signed on behalf of ThoughtWorks Holdings Limited and ThoughtWorks, Ltd.

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