



# WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY

**DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE:** Neil Christie, Managing Director

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**RELEVANT SDGS:** 4

Employees may, in properly carrying out their duties, have access to, or come into contact with, information of a confidential nature. Their terms and conditions provide that except in the proper performance of their duties, employees are forbidden from disclosing, or making use of in any form whatsoever, such confidential information.

However, the law allows employees to make a 'protected disclosure' of certain information. In order to be 'protected', a disclosure must relate to a specific subject matter (see below) and the disclosure must also be made in an appropriate way (see Disclosure Procedure). Whistleblowing protection is confined to a disclosure which, in the reasonable belief of the employee making the disclosure, is made in the public interest.

Hazel 4D is committed to be compliant with the Bribery Act 2010. The Company actively encourages a culture of honesty and openness and therefore all employees are required to bring up to their manager or other designated person any issue that, in the employee's opinion, might constitute bribery or corruption.

All employees are provided a regular 1-2-1 meeting with their line manager to facilitate the raising of informal or formal concerns to support the inconspicuous reporting of any concerns that may fall inside or outside the scope of this policy.

## SCOPE OF APPLICATION

If, in the course of employment, an employee becomes aware of information which they reasonably believe tends to show one or more of the following, they must use the Company's disclosure procedure set out below:

- a) That a criminal offence has been committed is being committed or is likely to be committed.
- b) That a person has failed, is failing or is likely to fail to comply with any legal obligation to which he is subject.
- c) That a miscarriage of justice that has occurred, is occurring, or is likely to occur.
- d) That the health or safety of any individual has been, is being, or is likely to be, endangered.
- e) That the environment, has been, is being, or is likely to be, damaged.
- f) That information tending to show any of the above, is being, or is likely to be, deliberately concealed.
- g) That the Company or any associated person has been, is being, or is likely to be receiving or offering bribes.



## DISCLOSURE PROCEDURE

Information which an employee reasonably believes tends to show one or more of the above should promptly be disclosed to a company Director so that appropriate action can be taken.

If it is inappropriate to make such a disclosure to a Director, the employees should speak to their manager. Employees will suffer no detriment of any sort for making such a disclosure in accordance with this procedure. However, failure to follow this procedure may result in the disclosure of information losing its 'protected status.'

For further guidance in relation to this matter or concerning the use of the disclosure procedure generally, employees should speak in confidence to their manager.

## QUANTITATIVE TARGETS

- By the end of 2023 we will ensure 100% of employees will have received training on Whistleblowing, either as part of their induction and/or annual policy refresher training.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Christie', is shown within a white rectangular box.

**Neil Christie**  
**Managing Director**