SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING STATEMENT
Modern Slavery Act of 2015

This statement sets out the steps taken by Cree Lighting USA LLC (Cree Lighting) during financial year 2023 to prevent modern slavery and human trafficking in our business and supply chains. The Modern Slavery Act of 2015 requires suppliers of goods or services that have a global total turnover exceeding £36 million to provide a slavery and human trafficking statement of the steps the organization has taken during the financial year to ensure that slavery and human trafficking is not taking place in any of its supply chains, and in any part of its own business. The law’s intent was to increase consumers’ knowledge about products they purchase and the companies they choose to support. We have a zero-tolerance approach to slavery and human trafficking and remain committed to monitoring and improving our practices to combat modern slavery of any kind within our business and supply chains.

Organization Structure
We are a manufacturer operating in various sectors. In addition to Cree Lighting USA LLC, our trading operations include Cree Lighting Canada Corp. and E-conolight, LLC (Group). The Group has over 500 employees worldwide and operates in approximately 15 countries in North America, South America, and the Caribbean. Further information on our business and our Supplier Code of Conduct can be found on the following http://www.creelighting.com.

Verification
Cree Lighting recognizes the importance of responsible supplier selection and conducting business with suppliers that reflect our commitment to integrity, ethical business practices and social responsibility. Although we do not have a formal verification program, we require our suppliers, their employees, agents and sub-suppliers to operate in accordance with the principles and ethical standards outlined in our Supplier Code of Conduct. The Supplier Code requires all our suppliers comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations and that they adhere to the Supplier Code regarding labor and human rights (including slavery and human trafficking), health and safety, environmental protection, business ethics and management practices.

Audits
In order to monitor Supplier compliance with our Supplier Code of Conduct, we have conducted audits through self-assessment questionnaires, whereby responses have been reviewed by Cree Lighting. Where concerns are identified, Cree Lighting may pursue prompt, thorough investigations, and may require corrective action plans or terminate suppliers. When requested, Supplier participation in the audits is mandatory as a condition of doing business with Cree Lighting, certification of compliance is required. We have reserved the right to investigate instances of non-compliance with our Supplier Code or laws on human trafficking and slavery, which may include a supplier site audit. Failure to comply with the Supplier Code of Conduct, or failure to resolve a non-compliance issue, may result in the termination of the business relationship with the non-complaint supplier. We do not engage third parties to evaluate supplier compliance with human trafficking or slave labor laws and generally do not engage in unannounced audits.
Supplier Certification

We currently require our suppliers, either through written agreements and/or purchase order terms and conditions, to comply with all applicable laws, which would include those concerning slavery and human trafficking. We require suppliers to certify compliance with our Supplier Code of Conduct, including certification that materials and products comply with laws regarding slavery and human trafficking.

Accountability

Cree Lighting maintains internal accountability standards and procedures applicable to employees, contractors, suppliers, or agents who fail to meet our standards. We are dedicated to a safe, legal and respectful workplace and our Code of Business Conduct policy encourages and provides a mechanism for reporting any suspected ethical violations or illegal activity either directly or anonymously through a phone and internet-based reporting system. Upon hire, all employees are required to read and acknowledge receipt and understanding of our Code of Business Conduct policy. Our Code of Business Conduct policy includes, among other things, certification that the employee will comply with all applicable laws and regulations. Employees who violate laws or company policies would be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

Similarly, suppliers must comply with our Supplier Code of Conduct. Should they fail to comply with applicable laws or fail to address non-compliance in a timely manner, we reserve the right to terminate the business relationship and refer the matter to the appropriate legal authorities. As part of our developing supply chain compliance program, we will continue to implement processes and procedures that hold suppliers accountable in all areas, including labour and material sourcing.

Training

Cree Lighting does not currently provide training to employees or management on eradicating human trafficking and slavery. Instead, our employees are subject to the standards outlined in our Code of Business Conduct Policy and our Prohibited Business Practices Policy, where we require an annual re-certification from our employees that they have read, understand, and will adhere to our, which requires a general compliance with all laws.

This statement is made pursuant to section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes our Group's slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ending 2021.

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