

Anti-Bribery & Corruption Policy					
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This policy explains the procedures through which Data Plastics Ltd can maintain its high ethical standards and protect its reputation against any allegations of bribery and corruption. Its successful implementation requires pro-active adoption at the following levels:

*Data Plastics Ltd Board*

*The Board will assist with continuous refreshing and reinforcing of this policy via application guidance and monitoring.*

**It is Data Plastics Ltd Company’s policy to conduct business in an honest way, and without the use of corrupt practices or acts of bribery to obtain an unfair advantage.**

The Company is committed to ensuring adherence to the highest legal and ethical standards. This must be reflected in every aspect of the way in which we operate. We must bring integrity to all our dealings. Bribery and corruption harms the societies in which these acts are committed and prevents economic growth and development.

This is not just a cultural commitment on the part of the organisation; it is a moral issue and a legal requirement. Bribery is a criminal offence and corrupt acts expose the Company and its employees to the risk of prosecution, fines and imprisonment, as well as endangering the Company’s reputation.

This policy has been adopted by the Data Plastics Ltd board and is to be communicated to everyone involved in our business to ensure their commitment to it. The board attaches the utmost importance to this policy and will apply a “zero tolerance” approach to acts of bribery and corruption by any of our employees or by business partners working on our behalf. Any breach of this policy will be regarded as a serious matter by the Company and is likely to result in disciplinary action.

**Bribery is the offer, promise, giving, demanding or acceptance of an advantage as an inducement for an action which is illegal, unethical or a breach of trust. Corruption is the misuse of public office or power for private gain; or misuse of private power in relation to business outside the realm of government.**

Acts of bribery or corruption are designed to influence the individual in the performance of their duty and incline them to act dishonestly. For the purposes of this policy, whether the payee or recipient of the act of bribery or corruption works in the public or private sector is irrelevant.

The person being bribed is generally someone who will be able to obtain, retain or direct business. This may involve sales initiatives, such as tendering and contracting; or, it may simply involve the handling of administrative tasks such as licences, customs, taxes or import/export matters. It does not matter whether the act of bribery is committed before or after the tendering of a contract or the completion of administrative tasks.

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Bribes can take on many different shapes and forms, but typically they involve corrupt intent. There will usually be a '*quid pro quo*' – both parties will benefit. A bribe could be the:

- Direct or indirect promise, offering, or authorisation, of anything of value
- Offer or receipt of any kickback, loan, fee, reward or other advantage
- Giving of aid, donations or voting designed to exert improper influence

In the eyes of the law, bribery and corrupt behaviour can be committed by:

- An employee or director
- Any person acting on behalf of the Company (e.g. our business partners)
- Individuals and organisations where they authorise someone else to carry out these acts

Acts of bribery and corruption will commonly, but not always, involve public or government officials (or their close families and business associates). For the purposes of this policy, a government official could be:

- A public official, whether foreign or domestic
- A political candidate or party official
- A representative of a government-owned/majority-controlled organisation
- An employee of a public international organisation (e.g. World Bank)


We take the following steps to assist in the prevention of bribery and corruption:

#### **A. Risk Assessment**

Effective risk assessment lies at the very core of the success or failure of this policy. Risk identification pinpoints the specific areas in which we face bribery and corruption risks and allows us to better evaluate and mitigate these risks and thereby protect ourselves. Business practices around the world can be deeply rooted in the attitudes, cultures and economic prosperity of a particular region – any of which can vary. The Directors must assess the vulnerability of the business to these risks on an ongoing basis.

#### **B. Accurate Books and Record-Keeping**

Many serious global bribery and corruption offences have been found to involve some degree of inaccurate record-keeping. We must ensure that we maintain accurate books, records and financial reporting within Data Plastics Ltd. Our books, records and overall financial reporting

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must also be transparent. That is, they must accurately reflect each of the underlying transactions. False, misleading or inaccurate records of any kind could potentially damage the Company.

### C. Effective Monitoring and Internal Control

Our businesses must all maintain an effective system of internal control and monitoring of our transactions. Once bribery and corruption risks have been identified and highlighted via the risk assessment process, procedures can be developed within a comprehensive control and monitoring programmes in order to help mitigate these risks on an ongoing basis.

Bribery and corruption risks typically fall within the following categories:

#### A. Use of Business Partners

The definition of a business partner is broad, and could include, joint venture partners or partners in Data Plastics Ltd supply chain who act on behalf of the company. Whilst the use of business partners can help us reach our goals, we need to be aware that these arrangements can potentially present the Company with significant risks.

Risk can be identified where a business partner conducts activities on Data Plastics Ltd behalf, so that the result of their actions can be seen as benefiting Data Plastics Ltd. **Business partners who act on Data Plastics Ltd behalf must be advised of the existence of and operate at all times in accordance with this policy.** Directors are responsible for the evaluation of each relationship and determining whether or not it falls into this category.

Where risk regarding a business partner arrangement has been identified, Directors must:

- Evaluate the background, experience, and reputation of the business partner
- Understand the services to be provided, and methods of compensation and payment
- Evaluate the business rationale for engaging the business partner
- Take reasonable steps to monitor the transactions of business partners appropriately
- Ensure there is a written agreement in place which acknowledges the business partner's understanding and compliance with this policy

Data Plastics Ltd is ultimately responsible for ensuring that business partners who act on our behalf are compliant with this policy as well as any local laws. Ignorance or "turning a blind eye" is not an excuse.

#### B. Gifts, Entertainment and Hospitality

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Gifts, entertainment and hospitality include the receipt or offer of gifts, meals or tokens of appreciation and gratitude, or invitations to events, functions, or other social gatherings, in connection with matters related to our business. These activities are acceptable provided they fall within reasonable bounds of value and occurrence.

***Never acceptable***

Circumstances which are never permissible include examples that involve:

- A 'quid pro quo' (offered for something in return)
- Gifts in the form of cash/or cash equivalent vouchers
- Entertainment of a sexual or similarly inappropriate nature

As a general rule, Data Plastics Ltd employees and business partners should not provide gifts to, or receive them from, those meeting our definition of a government official. However, we do understand that in certain countries gift giving and receiving with these individuals is a cultural norm. If you are faced with such a situation, please consult with the Human Resources Department before proceeding.

***Usually acceptable***


Possible circumstances that are usually acceptable include:

- Modest/occasional meals with someone with whom we do business
- Occasional attendance at ordinary sports, theatre and other cultural events
- Gifts of nominal value, such as pens, or small promotional items

A variety of cultural factors such as customs, currency and expectations may influence the level of acceptability. If you feel uncertain at any time regarding cultural acceptability of gifts, entertainment or hospitality, please consult the Human Resource Department.

***Transparency is key***

Any form of gift, entertainment or hospitality given, received or offered – which meets or exceeds the equivalent of £50 in value – must be appropriately recorded in the register. In the event that an impermissible form of gift, entertainment or hospitality has been accepted, you must appropriately record the transaction within the register.

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### C. Facilitation Payments

In many countries, it is customary business practice to make payments or gifts of small value to junior government officials in order to speed up or facilitate a routine action or process. It may be that we need to obtain licenses or permits faster than the normal course.

**Despite this, facilitation payments as defined here are against this Data Plastics Ltd policy and we take the view that they are illegal within the UK as well as within most countries in which we operate.** The UK Bribery Act 2010 makes no distinction between facilitation payments and bribes – regardless of size or local cultural expectations, even if that is “how business is done here”.

However, in the event that a facilitation payment is being extorted, or if you are forced to pay under duress or faced with potential safety issues or harm, such a payment may be made, provided that certain steps are followed. If you are ever placed in such a situation, you must contact the Director’s as soon as possible and you must record the payment appropriately within Company’s books and records to reflect the substance of the underlying transaction.

If you are unsure whether certain payments which resemble the definition of facilitation payments are permissible, please contact the Human Resource Department.

### How to Raise a Concern

As individuals who work on behalf of Data Plastics Ltd, we all have a responsibility to help detect, prevent and report instances not only of bribery, but also of any other suspicious activity or wrongdoing. Data Plastics Ltd is absolutely committed to ensuring that all of us have a safe, reliable, and confidential way of reporting any suspicious activity. We want each and every one to know how they can “speak up”.

**If you have a concern regarding a suspected instance of bribery or corruption, please speak up – your information and assistance can only help.** The sooner you act, the better for you and for the Company. To help, we have created multiple channels to allow you to do this.

If you are concerned that a corrupt act of some kind is being considered or carried out – either within the Company, by any of our business partners or by any of our competitors – you must report the issue/concern to your Manager. If for some reason it is not possible to speak to your Line Manager, please then report it to the Human Resource Department.

In the event that an incident of bribery, corruption, or wrongdoing is reported, we will act as soon as possible to evaluate the situation. The Company has clearly defined procedures for investigating fraud, misconduct and non-compliance issues and these will be followed in any investigation of this kind. If you have any questions about these procedures, please contact the Human Resource Department.