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## **ANTI BRIBERY POLICY STATEMENT**

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### Introduction

Hook Mason is committed to implementing and enforcing effective systems to counter bribery and to conduct all aspects of its business in an honest and ethical manner at all times.

Under UK law (UK Bribery Act 2010), bribery and corruption is punishable for individuals by up to ten years imprisonment. If the Company is found to have taken part in the corruption or lacks adequate procedures to prevent Bribery, it could face an unlimited fine and be excluded from tendering for Government contracts.

### Policy

The aim of this policy is to help the Company act in accordance with the Bribery Act 2010, maintain the highest possible standards of business practice, and advise individuals of the Company's 'zero-tolerance' to bribery.

This policy applies to all permanent and fixed-term staff employed by the Company, and any contractors, consultants or other persons acting under or on behalf of the Company.

### Company Responsibility

The Company will not:

- Make contributions of any kind with the purpose of gaining any commercial advantage.
- Provide gifts or hospitality with the intention of persuading anyone to act improperly, or to influence a public official in the performance of their duties.
- Make, or accept, "kickbacks" of any kind.

The Company will:

- Keep appropriate internal records that will evidence the business reason for making any payments to third parties.
- Encourage employees to raise concerns about any issue or suspicion of malpractice at the earliest possible stage.
- See that anyone raising a concern about bribery will not suffer any detriment as a result, even if they turn out to be mistaken.

### Employee Responsibility:

Employees must not:

- Accept, request or offer any financial or other reward from any person in return for providing some favour.

### Non Compliance

All employees have a role to play in enforcing the policy and are required to deal with any observed or reported breaches. Should employees feel apprehensive about their own safety in regard to addressing any breach, they should seek senior management support.

Any member of staff refusing to observe the policy will be liable to disciplinary action in accordance with the Company's Disciplinary Policy up to and including dismissal.

**Signed:**



**Position:** Business Manager