

# Account of Human Rights Due Diligence Process

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**EIDESVIK OFFSHORE ASA** 

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Eidesvik Offshore's account of its human rights due diligence process is prepared in accordance with Section 4 of the Norwegian Transparency Act. The BoD recognise the company's responsibility to make sure human rights and decent working conditions are respected in the company's operations and supply chains. Eidesvik's process to conduct annual human rights due diligence activities is anchored with the Board and we will monitor the process and any findings.

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### **About Eidesvik**

Eidesvik Offshore ASA ('Eidesvik' or 'the Company') owns and operates a worldwide fleet of purpose-built vessels, providing services to the offshore supply, subsea, offshore wind, and seismic markets. Eidesvik's headquarter is located at Bømlo, between the cities of Haugesund and Bergen on the Norwegian west coast.

### **Main Activities**

#### OFFSHORE SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT

Our fleet of platform support vessels (PSVs) provide cargo supply and transportation of pipes between onshore bases and offshore oilfields. Several vessels also meet the requirements for standby/rescue vessels and oil recovery, in accordance with the rules of The Norwegian Clean Seas Association for Operating Companies (NOFO).

#### **SUBSEA**

Eidesvik owns and operates subsea construction vessels, with full capabilities for ROV (remotely operated underwater vehicle) operations, construction and module handling, inspections, and maintenance and repair of subsea installations.

#### **OFFSHORE WIND**

Eidesvik delivers shipping services to both the commissioning, operation and maintenance phases of offshore wind farm.

**EMPLOYEES: 470** 

**VESSELS IN FLEET: 16** 

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# Reporting under the Norwegian Transparency Act

The Norwegian Transparency Act (NTA) entered into force on July 1 2022. The purpose of the Act is to promote enterprises' respect for fundamental human rights and decent working conditions in connection with the production of goods and the provision of services and ensure the general public access to information regarding how enterprises address adverse impacts on fundamental human rights and decent working conditions.

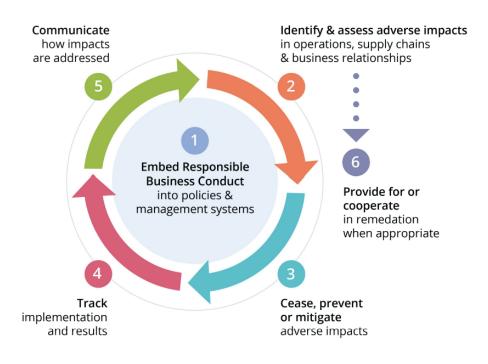
The reporting requires a general description of:

- The enterprise's organization and area of operation;
- guidelines and routines for handling actual and potentially negative consequences for fundamental human rights and decent working conditions and
- · how the work with the due diligence assessment is organized

and specific information on

• actual negative consequences and substantial risk for negative consequences which enterprises have identified through their due diligence assessments and measures the enterprises have taken or plan to take to stop actual negative consequences or to limit substantial risk.

Eidesvik's reporting related to the NTA is based on the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the OECD model for Due Diligence for Responsible Business Conduct. The model has six steps that describe how companies can work for more responsible and sustainable business practices.





# Eidesvik's Guidelines and routines for handling Human Rights Due Diligence

In Eidesvik, we recognize our responsibility to minimize the adverse impact of our operations, supply chains and other business relationships. Therefore, responsible business conduct (RBC) is strongly embedded in our policies and management systems.

Our policies on RBC issues are managed as follows:

| Body                | Responsibility   |
|---------------------|--|
| Board of Directors  | Acknowledgement and awareness  |
| CEO                 | Overall responsibility   |
| VP HSE & QA         | Responsibility to carry out the due diligence process and in cooperation with the Top Management Team define the areas of business where RBC risks are most likely to be present and most significant, and to cease, prevent and mitigate adverse impacts. |
| Top Management Team | Responsibility for implementing aspects of the policies across relevant departments (HR, Purchasing, IT, Technical, Marketing, HSEQ) with particular attention to those workers whose actions and decisions are most likely to increase or decrease risks  |
| VP Sustainability   | Responsible for reporting procedures, monitoring of new requirement and coordination of the ESG committee.   |
| ESG committee       | Information sharing, risk evaluations and recommendations for actions.   |



#### RELEVANT POLICIES

The Company has established policies and procedures, which set out how we manage issues related to human rights and decent working conditions in our supply chain:

- Code of Conduct
- Health, Safety & Quality Policy
- Human Resource Policy
- Environmental Policy
- Counterparty Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct covers support and respect for the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights, labor rights, rights to freedom of association and non-discrimination. We also respect and promote the International Labor Organization's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, and the International Maritime Organization's Maritime Labor Convention.

All policies and procedures are available for all employees in the Unisea Eidesvik Management System (EMS). Our policies are reviewed and updated as necessary by the Top Management Team (EMT) in the annual management reviews. The Company's ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) committee is another forum for information sharing and development of recommendations across departments and functions.

To ensure internal awareness, all department managers are required to go through all policies, including the Code Conduct of, with new employees during the familiarization process. A Disciplinary Actions Procedure has been developed for situations where policy is breached.

Eidesvik's <u>Policies</u>, the Company's <u>Code of Conduct</u> and our <u>Counterparty Code of Conduct</u> are published on our website.

#### LABOR CONDITIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

We aim to carry out our business in a way that supports and respects the protection of international proclaimed human rights. We do not engage in or support the use of child labor and support the elimination of all forms of forced labor, as outlined in our Code of Conduct. We ensure that all our employees and hired workers, onshore and offshore, are working under conditions that meet the requirements set out in the International Labor Conventions and the Maritime Labor Conventions. Freedom of association and right to collective bargaining is respected and outlined in our Code of Conduct.

Eidesvik considers it a competitive advantage to have a diverse team. Our Code of Conduct clearly state that we will not discriminate in hiring, compensation, access to training, promotion, termination or retirement based on race, caste, national origin, religion, age, disability, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, union membership or political affiliation. In 2022, Eidesvik experienced zero breaches of the Human Resources Policy or the Code of Conduct.

To further expand our competence related to human rights in our supply chain Eidesvik signed in 2022 the Future-Proof Initiative<sup>1</sup>. Future-Proof is a business and human rights collaboration platform created by The Bergen Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Rafto Foundation. The aim is to assist businesses in complying with their human rights responsibilities and enable knowledge-sharing within and across industries. Eidesvik is committed to be an active participant in this platform.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See https://fproof.no/

#### SECURING RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS CONDUCT IN OUR VALUE CHAIN

The Company's influence on our suppliers and business partners has been defined as one of <u>Eidesvik's material sustainability topics</u>. Through our operations and purchasing decisions, we have an impact on social, environmental and economic conditions in our value chain. Monitoring and addressing potential RBC risks in our value chain strengthens trust in our business and increases our readiness for more stringent regulations on RBC.

#### **SUPPLIERS**

Eidesvik purchases goods and services from a range of suppliers across the world. We aim to source locally whenever possible and to select and develop suppliers with a strong focus on sustainability. In January 2022, we developed and implemented a <u>Counterparty Code of Conduct</u> (CoC) which incorporates anti-corruption, human rights, labor conditions and environmental issues. This CoC is attached to all requests and purchasing orders and all new suppliers are obligated to read and follow the expectations stated in the CoC.

Eidesvik is a member of procurement organization Incentra, which annually audits suppliers in the shipping and offshore sectors in accordance with international standards for human rights, environmental principles and anti-corruption.

The Company has developed our own supplier assessment module in which we perform annual performance evaluation of all suppliers we have a frame agreement with. Within this module we aim to implement a self-assessment form covering also human rights and labour conditions by end 2023. Existing and new suppliers is also screened for any type of sanctions though the Descartes MK Denied Party Screening program.

We conduct ISO 9001 and 14001-2015 based audits of selected existing suppliers. By the end of 2025, all suppliers defined as critical for our operations will be audited. All audits incorporates the Subcontractors Checklist that incorporates issues related to management systems, human rights, labour rights, health and safety policies, environmental policies, non-discrimination, anti-corruption and anti-bribing.

#### **CHARTERERS**

RBC is an integrated part of all agreements with the Charterers of our vessels. Sections of the agreements clearly outlines that both parties shall comply with international, national and local regulations pertaining to health, safety, environment, in addition to anti-corruption legislations and maritime labor conventions.

#### COMPLAINTS AND REMEDIATION

Eidesvik has developed a Complaints Procedure that advice employees and workers hired from temporary-work agencies about the right to complain, and to give a formal description how to proceed. Complaints can also be submitted anonymously by internals as well as externals through our website.

Any complaints are followed up by our Designated Person Ashore (DPA) function and our VP Human Relations.

Two complaints were reported in 2022. No legal actions were taken against Eidesvik on human or labor rights in 2021 or 22. Eidesvik has not been involved in providing or enabling remedy, where it has caused or contributed to adverse impact in 2022.



## **Due Diligence Process**

In accordance with the Norwegian Transparency Act Eidesvik has performed a due diligence process to identify, prevent or mitigate the Company's risk for, and actual negative impact on, basic human rights and decent working conditions including in the supply chain and through our business relations. We developed in 2022 a Human Rights Due Diligence Procedure for this process. The procedure is based on the six steps of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the OECD model for Due Diligence for Responsible Business Conduct.

We commenced in June 2022 an extensive mapping of our suppliers and business partners to identify any risks of actual and potential adverse impacts associated with our operations. We scored and evaluated these impact areas in our risk assessment tool. We evaluated severity, likelihood, priority, and mitigation on each impact area. Our ESG committee, that has representatives from all parts of the organization, is used as a foundation for ensuring internal awareness of our obligations and the risks identified.

Mapping and prioritizing of risks is a continuous process where our target is to implement measures where the risk of adverse impacts and our opportunity to influence is the greatest. Relevant elements that we have based our risk assessment on are:

- Country
- Type of product/service
- · Contract size and duration

### Identified risk

#### PRIORITY RISKS

| RISK: USE OF PERSONNEL FROM RISK COUNTRIES |  |  |
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| Description of risk                        | Eidesvik is a purchaser of personnel services from the Philippines. The Philippines is defined as a risk country for breaches on human rights. The supplier of crewing services is Eidesvik's fourth largest supplier (by turnover). |  |
| Potential<br>negative effect               | <ul> <li>Grievance mechanism</li> <li>Remuneration and wages</li> <li>Workers representation</li> <li>Freedom of organization and collective bargaining</li> <li>Child labor</li> <li>Corruption</li> </ul>                          |  |
| Evaluation of risk                         | Low risk. High opportunity to influence  |  |
| Adverse impacts identified                 | None   |  |

#### Measures to stop, prevent or reduce risk

Measures implemented consist of a combination of direct dialogue with the supplier, own research and formal actions. The involved supplier signed in 2022 our Counterparty Code of Conduct which outlines our expectations related to human rights and working conditions. The supplier was also entered into our purchasing system where it will be regularly screened for any sanctions.

In October 2022, we performed an audit at the supplier's offices in the Philippines, where we dialogued with both management and personnel. Through these audits we aim to secure compliance with our Code of Conduct and with established international labor frameworks. In relation to the audit, we arranged a crew conference for workers in which the main focus was two way dialogue.

A new audit is planned for 2023. We also plan to arrange a crew conference in the Philippines in 2024, where labor rights will be one of the topics. In addition, we perform monthly follow-up meetings with the supplier's local management where labor rights is amongst topics on the agenda.



In 2023, we developed a new complaints procedure, which includes the opportunity for all stakeholders to report complaints anonymously through our website.

We have also performed own research, which has identified that our supplier of crewing services puts sustainability high on the agenda. The company publish annual sustainability reports. It acts in accordance with the Maritime Labor Convention and has committed to support the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to respect human rights and protect employees against human rights abuse. This is also enforced in the company's Social Responsibility and Sustainability Commitment Policy.

The relevant supplier has a recognized Crew and Family Welfare program, and in 2022 the company won the SAFETY4SEA "2022 Crew Welfare Management" award.

#### Tracking implementation and results

The VP Human Relations is responsible for tracking the implementation and effectiveness of our due diligence activities through annual supplier audits, though monthly meetings with the supplier's management and through direct feedback from workers at the crew conferences.



| RISK: SHIPYARD LABOR       |  |  |
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| Description of risk        | Risks related to labor rights in shipyards is a focus area in the industry. The complexity of dry docking, repairs, and projects makes it difficult to get a satisfactory overview of the whole value chain.  Export Finance Norway has identified repeated examples of breaches on fundamental human rights in European yards – something we have also seen recent examples of in Norwegian yards. We find three yards on the list of Eidesvik largest suppliers (by turnover). |  |
| Potential negative effect  | <ul> <li>Child labor</li> <li>Forced /modern slavery and migrant workers</li> <li>Health and safety</li> <li>Freedom of association and collective bargaining</li> <li>Discrimination</li> <li>Disciplinary practices</li> <li>Working hours</li> <li>Remuneration and wages</li> <li>Corruption</li> </ul>  |  |
| Evaluation of risk         | Medium risk. High opportunity to influence   |  |
| Adverse impacts identified | None   |  |

#### Measures to stop, prevent or reduce risk

In 2022 we implemented a policy stating that all yards used by the company needs to sign our Counterparty Code of Conduct. Much time has also been spent on building internal awareness within our purchasing department about potential risk areas and our obligations.

For all shipyards we have a policy for performing audits before entering into an agreement. For this purpose our HSEQ department has developed a Subcontractors Checklist that incorporates issues related to management systems, human rights, labour rights, health and safety policies, environmental policies, non-discrimination, anti-corruption and anti-bribing. The audits are carried out as interviews with the supplier's Management, and workers within production, HR and HSEQ.

If required we will use Export Norway as an advisor based on their audits of yards used by the Company.

#### Tracking implementation and results

Our Head of Procurement is responsible for tracking implementation and results of our mitigating actions. This will be done through audits and meetings with yards. In addition, we are always present with our own supervisors at the yards during maintenance.



#### OTHER IDENTIFIED RISKS

| RISK: PURCHASING OF BATTERIES FOR VESSEL HYBRID SYSTEMS |  |  |
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| Description of risk                                     | Eidesvik has installed batteries on 11 of 13 operational vessels, and batteries will be an important part of the Company's future energy systems. Raw materials used in batteries is defined as a product category related to high risk of breaches on fundamental human rights in the supply chain.           |  |
|   | Several suppliers of such systems are on the list of our 20 largest suppliers.   |  |
| Potential negative effect                               | <ul> <li>Remuneration and wages</li> <li>Poor and dangerous working conditions</li> <li>Child labor</li> <li>Financing of armed conflict</li> <li>Sexual exploitation and violence</li> <li>Influence of indigenous rights</li> <li>Violence against defenders of human rights and the environment.</li> </ul> |  |
| Evaluation of risk                                      | High risk. Limited opportunities to influence.   |  |
| Adverse impacts identified                              | None   |  |

#### Measures to stop, prevent or reduce risk

Our aim is that by Q3 2023 all system integrators on the Company's supplier will have signed Eidesvik's Counterparty Code of Conduct. Substantial time has been put into researching system integrators policies and guidelines related to human rights through reviewing information on the suppliers' websites and through direct dialogue and information requests.

#### Tracking implementation and results

Our Head of Procurement is responsible for tracking implementation and results of our mitigating actions. This will be done through audits and meetings suppliers. Head of Procurement is also responsible for building awareness in the purchasing department about defined risks and our obligations to prevent and mitigate these risks.



| RISK: PURCHASING OF ICT EQUIPMENT |   |  |
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| Description of risk               | Eidesvik purchases considerable amounts of ICT equipment, mobile phones and computers. Production often occurs in China and other Asian countries. Production, components and raw materials used in such products are connected to high risk of breaches on fundamental human rights in the supply chain.  No suppliers amongst our 20 largest suppliers. |  |
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| Potential negative effect         | <ul> <li>Health and safety</li> <li>Remuneration and wages</li> <li>Forced overtime</li> <li>Freedom of association and collective bargaining</li> <li>Abuse of students as labor</li> </ul>  |  |
| Evaluation of risk                | High risk. Limited opportunities to influence.  |  |
| Adverse impacts identified        | None  |  |

#### Measures to stop, prevent or reduce risk

According to our policies all our suppliers of ICT equipment is required to sign our Counterparty Code of Conduct. The Company aim to complete this process by end 2023.

Furthermore, we have started a process to ensure all suppliers of ICT equipment is integrated into our purchasing system. In this system, the suppliers can be followed up more effectively. In our purchasing system, the suppliers will also be screened for any sanctions and become part of our risk assessment processes.

#### Tracking implementation and results

Our Head of Procurement is responsible for tracking implementation and results of our mitigating actions. The main tool will be the Company's purchasing system and supplier assessment module.

