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## SQS GROUP LIMITED – STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 54(1) OF THE MODERN SLAVERY ACT

### Introduction

This statement sets out SQS Group Limited's actions to understand all potential modern slavery risks related to its business and to put in place steps that are aimed at ensuring that there is no slavery or human trafficking in its own business and its supply chains.

As part of the Quality Assurance Industry, it is important for us to be known not just by 'what we do' but also by 'how we do'. We are absolutely committed to preventing slavery and human trafficking in our corporate activities and to ensuring that our supply chains are free from it.

### Our Business and Organisational structure

SQS Software Quality Systems AG has over 30 years' experience and 10,000+ completed projects, our global team of approximately 4,600 quality management and testing experts provides an unrivalled portfolio of services and solutions to help companies implement business-led IT change with confidence.

We offer niche services in quality management and testing. We believe it's not just about testing, it's about peace of mind. We understand business's need to deliver IT change quickly, accurately and with confidence.

Ranked #1 for customer intimacy, responsiveness and independence by Ovum, we understand the importance of IT to the business, the critical nature of successful IT delivery, and the role it plays in realising the strategic business objectives.

Our approach, not only provides peace of mind, it considers how we can best support the long-term business goals, whatever they may be by:

- ✓ Reducing costs
- ✓ Reducing risk
- ✓ Protecting the customers brand and reputation
- ✓ Assuring system functionality
- ✓ Providing customer confidence
- ✓ Demonstrating compliance against regulations and/or business requirements

Our Mission is to 'Transform the World through Quality'.

Our core values are:

**Passion for quality:** We inspire our customers through thought leadership, excellence and dedication.

**Professional partnership:** As an independent partner and adviser we give our customers confidence.

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**Employees Excellence:** We meet with respect and attention, trust each other and develop our abilities together. It's everyone's responsibility to secure our success as a global service company.

**Responsibility:** As an achievement orientated company we are obliged to align all our actions on a long-term basis in order to increase the value of our company to our shareholders and employees.

**Honesty and integrity:** We collaborate honestly with one another and put special value on sincerity, justice, trustworthiness as well as civil courage. We are not corruptible and we are not guided by outside threats and temptations.

Our 'Code of Conduct' and our core values, together, guide us in all our business activities.

### **Organisation structure**

SQS Software Quality Systems AG's journey started in 1982 in Cologne, Germany by Heinz Bons and Rudolf van Megen. With just a few employees and a small investment the business has now grown into a global organisation with more than 4,600 employees operating in the 16 countries. SQS Group Ltd is the United Kingdom entity with offices in London, Belfast and Surrey with a subsidiary, SQS Software Quality Systems (Ireland) Limited located in Dublin.

### **Our Supply chain**

Our supply chain includes sourcing services and people. We use specified, reputable employment agencies to source labour, and always verifies the practices of any new agency it engages with prior to accepting resources. We have zero tolerance towards slavery and human trafficking and expects all organisations in our supply chain to comply with our values. We regularly review our existing suppliers and undertake due diligence when considering taking on new suppliers.

### **Our policies on slavery and human trafficking**

We are committed to ensuring that there is no modern slavery or human trafficking in any part of our business. Our company policies, as below, reflect our commitment to conducting our business ethically and with integrity. Our policies are written to support implementation and enforcement of effective systems and controls to prevent the occurrence of slavery or human trafficking related issues in any of our operations.

- ✓ Code of Conduct
- ✓ Recruitment Policy
- ✓ Whistleblowing Policy
- ✓ Anti-Bribery Policy

### **Due diligence processes for slavery and human trafficking**

We undertake the following initiatives to identify and mitigate modern slavery and human trafficking issues in its organisation.

- ✓ All suppliers are provided with our Code of Conduct
- ✓ Our contracts clearly state that suppliers must comply with applicable local laws and ensure that they are not involved in any ill-legal activities



- ✓ We regularly review our exiting suppliers and undertake appropriate due diligence actions when considering working with new suppliers

### **Training and Awareness**

We have raised awareness of modern slavery issues by undertaking appropriate staff training and placing copies of this statement in appropriate locations in our offices.

### **Management Approval**

This statement is made pursuant to section 54 (1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes the slavery and human trafficking statement of SQS Group Limited for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

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Kevin Cunningham  
Managing Director  
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