

# Modern Slavery Statement

FY24

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# Introduction

Modern slavery is a violation of human rights, unconstrained by geographic borders and from which no industry - even online marketplaces - is entirely immune. No single entity can eliminate modern slavery, however, every entity has a responsibility to address the issue within their span of control. Addressing modern slavery demands the collective and collaborative efforts of governments, international organisations, civil society, and the private sector.

For Artcore Group and its marketplaces, Redbubble and TeePublic, this means our work extends beyond our employees in Australia, the United States, and Europe. For example, our efforts to address modern slavery risks include 46 third-party fulfillers whose employees turn the digital art created by artists into physical products. These front line workers are not employed by the Group, however, we recognise the responsibility we have to ensure we are respecting their fundamental human rights through programs such as independent, onsite auditing and anonymous interviews.

There are, unfortunately, no easy solutions to combating modern slavery. Still, the Group continues to use a variety of approaches through collaboration and best practices to learn and push for change. We will also continue to keep public transparency a priority, consistent with our broader Social Impact & Sustainability (formerly named ESG) strategy, in order to share our learnings and continue holding ourselves accountable to stakeholders.

We trust this annual update delivers insights into how we have, and will continue to, address modern slavery. As we have shared in past public reporting, the Group's marketplaces, since their inception, have always emphasised a strong focus on social good. With this in mind, we will continue to take action and report publicly on our efforts to ensure our people and those contributing to our marketplace are treated with fundamental dignity and respect.

## 1. About Artcore

The Group was founded in 2006 and comprises two global online marketplaces: Redbubble.com and TeePublic.com. In FY24, the Redbubble and TeePublic marketplaces connected over 700,000 selling artists and creators who use our marketplaces to design and sell products printed with their art, 6.6 million of their customers, and 46 third-party fulfillers globally, helping to bring more creativity to the world.

The Group's marketplaces enable creators to quickly upload artwork to their marketplace of choice. Consumers are then able to find and purchase different physical products printed with that unique piece of art. Once purchased, the product is printed on demand by one of the fulfillers and shipped by a carrier directly to a customer.

Dozens of different physical products are available across the Group marketplaces. Below is a non-exhaustive list of the types of products artists can choose to have fulfillers print their artwork on.

- Clothing (t-shirts, hats, skirts)
- Stickers
- Phone cases
- Wall art
- Pet products (scarves, mats)
- Accessories (backpacks, mugs)
- Stationery (greeting cards, notebooks)

The Group operates around the world. Our headquarters are located in Australia (Melbourne) and we have offices in the United States (New York City and San Francisco) and Germany (Berlin). Artists and fulfillers who participate in our marketplaces are third parties who operate their own independent businesses.

As at the end of FY24, the Group's workforce consisted of 238 employees. Below is a breakdown of the composition of our workforce:

- 39% Melbourne; 30% New York; 27% San Francisco; 4% Berlin
- 94% full time; 6% part time
- 39 new hires in FY24

The Group's workforce includes professional and administrative roles, in fields such as software engineering, marketing, finance, and product/program management.

The operating entities within the Group are as follows:

- The parent company of the group is Artcore Group Limited (ACN 119 200 592). Artcore Group Limited is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX:ATG).
- Redbubble Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Artcore Group Limited, registered in Delaware USA, and operates business from an office in San Francisco. Redbubble Inc. facilitates sales, marketing and supply chain functions for the Redbubble marketplace.
- Redbubble Europe GmbH is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Artcore Group Limited, registered in Berlin, Germany. Redbubble Europe GmbH carries out administrative functions in relation to the German, French and Spanish language versions of the Redbubble website.
- TP Apparel LLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Redbubble Inc., registered in New York USA and operates business from an office in New York. TP Apparel LLC is the operating company for the TeePublic marketplace.

Artcore Group Limited (ACN 119 200 592) is the reporting entity under the Modern Slavery Act and this statement is made by Artcore Group Limited for itself and on behalf of the subsidiaries referred to above. These subsidiaries are consulted in the development of our response to modern slavery risk and the content of this statement.

Unless otherwise noted, the information provided in each section of the statement applies to all reporting entities listed above. Where appropriate, we have provided specific information about reporting entities' individual circumstances and contexts.

Our approach to modern slavery is Group wide. Internal stakeholders across each of the entities above were consulted during the drafting of this statement and were given the opportunity to review and provide feedback at several stages of the process.

## Governance

Governance over modern slavery and how Artcore assess and addresses those risks sits with the following personnel:

- Artcore's Board of Directors has ultimate oversight of, and accountability for modern slavery risks within the Group, which includes approving this statement, risk assessments, reporting, and action plans.
- The Group's Leadership Team is responsible for organising the Group's company-wide strategy.
- Executive Team members across the Group are accountable for the Group's initiatives to identify and address modern slavery. Senior Leaders reporting into the Executive Team are responsible for executing initiatives to identify and address modern slavery within their functional area.

## 2. What is Modern Slavery?

Modern slavery occurs when a person is coerced into work and exploited for personal or commercial gain.

Under Australian law, modern slavery includes the following forms of exploitation:

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| I. Trafficking in persons | V. Debt marriage                                 |
| II. Slavery               | VI. Debt labour                                  |
| III. Servitude            | VII. Deceptive recruiting for labour or services |
| IV. Forced labour         | VIII. Child labour                               |

## 3. Modern Slavery Risks

The Group recognises that modern slavery risks can arise internally within our own operations/workforce and, independently, in the marketplace supply chain. To assess risk, we recognise - as has been documented through research and data available, for example through the Global Slavery Index - that different sectors and geographic regions carry different modern slavery risk profiles. We also recognise the responsibility we have - as set forth by the UN Guiding Principles - to establish programs to assess and address where Articore's activities may cause, contribute, or be directly linked to modern slavery.

### Our Operations

With respect to the Group's internal operations, we have in place a robust suite of policies and procedures, as well as grievance and whistleblowing channels to assist in identification and mitigation of potential risks of modern slavery. Based on the location of the workforce (Australia, US, Germany), office setting (leased/co-located vs owned), job composition (professional services), management processes (working rights checks) and onboarding procedures (code of conduct), we have no indication of modern slavery in our own operations.

### Third-party Marketplace Operations

#### Marketplace Fulfillers

Third-party fulfillers, not owned by the Group, operate printing equipment facilities that transfer artists' artwork found on Redbubble or TeePublic marketplaces onto blank products in order to make physical products. These fulfillers have operations in the following countries:

- Australia
- Canada
- Czech Republic
- France
- Germany
- Mexico
- Netherlands
- Spain
- United States
- United Kingdom

The composition of roles at these fulfillers include, for example, printing specialists, shipping clerks, and sales associates. Modern slavery risks at these sites would include forced/mandatory overtime. To mitigate risks of modern slavery within these fulfillers own operations, the Group has taken steps to raise awareness and we have engaged independent third-party auditors to perform on-site audits.

### Beyond Tier 1 of the Marketplace Supply Chain

Modern slavery risks also exist within the operations of companies that make and sell blank products to fulfillers, such as the companies that manufacture blank clothing or notebooks (tier 2) and, in turn, companies that process and sell the raw materials in those products, such as fabric or paper (tier 3). We currently lack complete visibility down to the deepest tiers of the product supply chain (e.g., mills) and this lack of visibility presents unknown risks of modern slavery. We are unaware of any instances of modern slavery in FY24.

## 4. Articore's response to Modern Slavery Risks

### Investments

In FY24, the Group maintained its investments in people and programs designed to address modern slavery and, more broadly, social responsibility. This includes ownership of the Group's Leadership Team and direct engagement with RBO and TPO marketplace fulfillers on modern slavery awareness/training and co-ordinates social compliance audits through third party audit firms.

### Policy and Training

#### Modern Slavery Guidance and Risk Screening Toolkit

In FY22, we developed and distributed to marketplace fulfillers educational materials concerning the risks of modern slavery. These materials provide, for example, a background on modern slavery and its risks, recommendations for assessing and addressing modern slavery, and expectations for participation in the marketplace.

### Fulfiller Engagement

Our efforts to address modern slavery do not stop at policies and acknowledgements alone. In FY22, we launched training with fulfillers as described below:

- **Content:** Information on the regulatory landscape of modern slavery, current trends, potential risks in the direct and indirect supply chain, red flags and triggers to indicate further investigation is warranted that a modern slavery issue may be occurring.
- **Scope:** 45-60 minute educational information sessions with fulfillers and service providers engaged in the Redbubble and TeePublic marketplaces
- **Approach:** The modern slavery guidance materials were shared in a guide electronically, and reviewed either in person on site with the fulfiller, or via a virtual meeting with the appropriate parties at the fulfiller/service provider.
- **Training conducted:** In 2022, 55 different sites were provided education on this topic with approximately 110 direct participants representing their respective sites. In 2024, two new sites were added to the Group marketplaces and were provided training during the onboarding process.

- **Results:** Reviewing these materials directly with our marketplace participants gives us an opportunity to openly discuss the challenges surrounding labour and sourcing, while sharing both the direct experiences of marketplace participants along with industry wide trends. In addition, through regular on-site and self-assessment audits, we are able to continue the conversation with our marketplace participants and ensure they are equipped to respect human rights within their own workplace and supply chain

## Inspection

In addition to training, we use inspection processes, such as on-site audits conducted by independent third-party auditors to understand how policy and training shows up in actual practice. Fulfillers are expected to adhere to the standards laid out in the Fair Labor Association (FLA) Code of Conduct in order to participate in our marketplaces. The Fair Labor Association standards are derived from the International Labor Organisation and recognised as a global benchmark. FLA's code defines standards for upholding workers' rights, including the following direct and indirect indicators of modern slavery:

- **Harassment or Abuse:** No employee shall be subject to any physical, sexual, psychological or verbal harassment or abuse.
- **Forced Labour:** There shall be no use of forced labour, including prison labour, indentured labour, bonded labour or other forms of forced labour.
- **Child Labour:** No person shall be employed under the age of 15 or under the age for completion of compulsory education, whichever is higher.
- **Freedom of Association:** Employers shall recognise and respect the right of employees to freedom of association and collective bargaining.
- **Hours of Work:** Employers shall not require workers to work more than the regular and overtime hours allowed by the law of the country where the workers are employed.
- **Compensation:** Every worker has a right to compensation for a regular work week that is sufficient to meet the worker's basic needs and provide some discretionary income.

The Group works with amfori, a leading global business association for sustainable trade. amfori brings over 2,400 businesses together to drive social performance improvements across global supply chains. We accept Business Social Compliance Initiative (amfori BSCI) audits as part of our marketplace participant due diligence program.

Articore is committed to respecting human rights across our business and in the marketplace supply chains. We are also committed to cooperating in remediation where our operations caused or contributed to modern slavery-related impacts. Where a legitimate concern or issue is raised or identified by an employee or a third party, we will seek to work with the relevant party to investigate and ensure an appropriate remedy is implemented. In all instances, we will seek to place the affected individual's needs first and the appropriate remedy will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

## Working with others to address Modern Slavery

Articore recognises the value and necessity of working with other organisations that share our principles, including complex global issues such as modern slavery that will not be solved by one entity alone. In FY24, Articore partnered with Intertek to assess modern slavery risks in businesses not owned by Articore, but that participate in our marketplaces (see above). In addition, Articore continued its relationship with the Business for Social Responsibility group in FY24, a network of companies working together to identify best practices around environmental and social impacts - including human rights. We will continue to seek out multi-stakeholder partnerships that are working in various ways to address modern slavery.

## 5. How Articore Assesses the Effectiveness of our Actions

Our management of modern slavery risks is assessed and managed according to Articore's enterprise-wide risk framework, which defines the escalation threshold for reporting risks to Articore's Audit and Risk Committee. The Audit and Risk Committee is responsible for providing oversight of that risk framework on behalf of the Board.

The Articore Board has ultimate oversight of modern slavery related risks and activities, including but not limited to the annual review and approval of Articore's modern slavery statement.



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*The FY24 Modern Slavery Statement was approved/endorsed by the Articore Board of Directors on 24 October 2024.*

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