



# Anti-Bribery & Anti-Corruption Policy

### **Policy Statement**

CPC Battery Services Ltd is committed to conducting business in an ethical and honest manner and is committed to implementing and enforcing systems that ensure bribery is prevented. CPC Battery Services Ltd has zero-tolerance for bribery and corrupt activities. We are committed to acting professionally, fairly and with integrity in all business dealings and relationships, wherever in the country we operate.

CPC Battery Services Ltd will constantly uphold all laws relating to anti-bribery and corruption in all the jurisdictions in which we operate. We are bound by the laws of the UK, including the Bribery Act 2010, in regard to our conduct both at home and abroad.

CPC Battery Services Ltd recognises that bribery and corruption are punishable by up to ten years of imprisonment and a fine. If our company is discovered to have taken part in corrupt activities, we may be subjected to an unlimited fine, be excluded from tendering for public contracts and face serious damage to our reputation. It is with this in mind that we commit to preventing bribery and corruption in our business and take our legal responsibilities seriously.

## Who Is Covered by The Policy?

This anti-bribery policy applies to all employees (whether temporary, fixed-term, or permanent), consultants, contractors, trainees, seconded staff, home workers, casual workers, agency staff, volunteers, interns, agents, sponsors or any other person or persons associated with us (including third parties), or any of our subsidiaries or their employees, no matter where they are located (within or outside of the UK). The policy also applies to Officers, Trustees, Board, and/or Committee members at any level.

In the context of this policy, third party refers to any individual or organisation our company meets and works with. It refers to actual and potential clients, customers, suppliers, distributors, business contacts, agents, advisers and government and public bodies – this includes their advisers, representatives and officials, politicians, and public parties.

Any arrangements our company makes with a third party is subject to clear contractual terms, including specific provisions that require the third party to comply with minimum standards and procedures relating to anti-bribery and corruption.

# **Definition of Bribery**

Bribery refers to the act of offering, giving, promising, asking, agreeing, receiving, accepting or soliciting something of value or of an advantage so to induce or influence an action or decision.

A bribe refers to any inducement, reward or object/item of value offered to another individual in order to gain commercial, contractual, regulatory or personal advantage.

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Bribery is not limited to the act of offering a bribe. If an individual is on the receiving end of a bribe and they accept it, they are also breaking the law.

Bribery is illegal. Employees must not engage in any form of bribery, whether it be directly, passively (as described above), or through a third-party (such as an agent or distributor). They must not accept bribes in any degree and if they are uncertain about whether something is a bribe or a gift or act of hospitality, they must seek further advice from the company's CEO.

#### What Is and What Is Not Acceptable

This section of the policy refers to four areas:

- Gifts and hospitality
- Facilitation payments
- Political contributions
- Charitable contributions

#### **Gifts and Hospitality**

CPC Battery Services Ltd accepts normal and appropriate gestures of hospitality and goodwill (whether given to/received from third parties), so long as the giving or receiving of gifts meets the following requirements:

- a) It is not made with the intention of influencing the party to whom it is being given, to obtain or reward the retention of a business or a business advantage, or as an explicit or implicit exchange for favours or benefits.
- b) It is not made with the suggestion that a return favour is expected.
- c) It is in compliance with local law.
- d) It is given in the name of the company, not in an individual's name.
- e) It does not include cash or a cash equivalent (e.g. a voucher or gift certificate).
- f) It is appropriate for the circumstances (e.g. giving small gifts around Christmas or as a thank you to a company for helping with a large project upon completion).
- g) It is of an appropriate type and value and given at an appropriate time, taking into account the reason for the gift.

## **Political Contributions**

CPC Battery Services Ltd will not make donations, whether in cash, kind, or by any other means, to support any political parties or candidates. We recognise this may be perceived as an attempt to gain an improper business advantage.

## **Charitable Contributions**

CPC Battery Services Ltd accepts (and indeed encourages) the act of donating to charities – whether through services, knowledge, time, or direct financial contributions (cash or otherwise) – and agrees to disclose all charitable contributions it makes.

Employees must be careful to ensure that charitable contributions are not used to facilitate and conceal acts of bribery.

We will ensure that all charitable donations made are legal and ethical under local laws and practices, and that donations are not offered/made without the approval of the CEO.

#### **Employee Responsibilities**

As an employee of CPC Battery Services Ltd, you must ensure that you read, understand and comply with the information contained within this policy and with any training or other anti-bribery and corruption information you are given.

All employees and those under our control are equally responsible for the prevention, detection and reporting of bribery and other forms of corruption. They are required to avoid any activities that could lead to, or imply, a breach of this anti-bribery policy.

If you have reason to believe or suspect that an instance of bribery or corruption has occurred or will occur in the future that breaches this policy, you must notify the CEO.

If any employee breaches this policy, they will face disciplinary action and could face dismissal for gross misconduct. CPC Battery Services Ltd has the right to terminate a contractual relationship with an employee if they breach this anti-bribery policy.

#### What Happens If I Need to Raise A Concern?

This section of the policy covers three areas:

- a) How to raise a concern
- b) What to do if you are a victim of bribery or corruption
- c) Protection

#### How to Raise A Concern

If you suspect that there is an instance of bribery or corrupt activities occurring in relation to CPC Battery Services Ltd, you are encouraged to raise your concerns at as early a stage as possible. If you are uncertain about whether a certain action or behaviour can be considered bribery or corruption, you should speak to your Line Manager or the CEO.

CPC Battery Services Ltd will familiarise all employees with its whistleblowing procedures so employees can vocalise their concerns swiftly and confidentially.

## What to Do If You Are A Victim of Bribery or Corruption

You must tell your Line Manager as soon as possible if you are offered a bribe by anyone, if you are asked to make one, if you suspect that you may be bribed or asked to make a bribe in the near future, or if you have reason to believe that you are a victim of another corrupt activity.

## Protection

If you refuse to accept or offer a bribe or you report a concern relating to potential act(s) of bribery or corruption, CPC Battery Services Ltd understands that you may feel worried about potential repercussions. CPC Battery Services Ltd will support anyone who raises concerns in good faith under this policy, even if investigation finds that they were mistaken.

CPC Battery Services Ltd will ensure that no one suffers any detrimental treatment as a result of refusing to accept or offer a bribe or other corrupt activities or because they reported a concern relating to potential act(s) of bribery or corruption.

Detrimental treatment refers to dismissal, disciplinary action, treats or unfavourable treatment in relation to the concern the individual raised.

If you have reason to believe you have been subjected to unjust treatment as a result of a concern or refusal to accept a bribe, you should inform your Line Manager or the CEO immediately.

#### **Training and Communication**

CPC Battery Services Ltd will provide training on this policy as part of the induction process for all new employees. Employees will also receive regular, relevant training on how to adhere to this policy and will be asked annually to formally accept that they will comply with this policy.

CPC Battery Services Ltd's anti-bribery and corruption policy and zero-tolerance attitude will be clearly communicated to all suppliers, contractors, business partners and any third parties at the outset of business relations and as appropriate thereafter.

CPC Battery Services Ltd will provide relevant anti-bribery and corruption training to employees where we feel their knowledge of how to comply with the Bribery Act needs to be enhanced. As good practice, all businesses should provide their employees with anti-bribery training where there is a potential risk of facing bribery or corruption during work activities.

## **Record Keeping**

CPC Battery Services Ltd will keep detailed and accurate financial records and will have appropriate internal controls in place to act as evidence for all payments made. We will declare and keep a written record of the amount and reason for hospitality or gifts received and given and understand that gifts and acts of hospitality are subject to managerial review.

## **Monitoring and Reviewing**

CPC Battery Services Ltd's CEO is responsible for monitoring the effectiveness of this policy and will review the implementation of it on a regular basis. They will assess its suitability, adequacy and effectiveness.

Internal control systems and procedures designed to prevent bribery and corruption are subject to regular audits and to ensure that they are effective in practice.

Any need for improvements will be applied as soon as possible. Employees are encouraged to offer their feedback on this policy if they have any suggestions for how it may be improved. Feedback of this nature should be addressed to the CEO.

This policy does not form any part of an employee's contract of employment and CPC Battery Services Ltd may amend it at any time so to improve its effectiveness at combatting bribery and corruption.

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CEO.

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