



## Meridian Mining plc

### Modern Slavery Statement

Year ended 31 December 2026

#### 1 INTRODUCTION

This statement is made pursuant to section 54(1) of the Act and constitutes the Company's antislavery and human trafficking statement for the calendar year ended 31 December 2026

#### 2 OUR COMMITMENT

Meridian Mining plc ("**Meridian**" or the "**Company**" or, together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**") publishes this statement in compliance with section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015. This statement describes the steps Meridian has taken to prevent modern slavery in its business and supply chains. Where the context so requires, references in this statement to the Company include references to the Company and all of its subsidiaries from time to time. The Company is committed to the prevention of the use of forced labour and has a zero tolerance policy for human trafficking and slavery.

#### 3 ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

- 3.1 Meridian Mining plc is a resource development and exploration company, with its shares listed on the TSX in Canada and to be admitted to listing on the London Stock Exchange. The Company's primary focus is the development of the Cabaçal gold-copper project located in the State of Mato Grosso, Brazil. As at 31 December 2025, the Group had 70 employees in Brazil and an additional 9 employees outside of Brazil, with executive management based in the UK and Canada.

#### 4 OUR POLICIES ON SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- 4.1 The Company will not use or allow the use of forced, compulsory labour, slavery, servitude or human trafficking in the course of its business. This includes sexual exploitation, securing services by force, threats or deception and securing services from children and vulnerable persons.
- 4.2 The Company operates the following policies and processes which are reviewed regularly and are relevant to the prevention of slavery and human trafficking in its operations:
- (a) **Code of Conduct on Business and Ethics** – this code sets out the Company's vision, mission and values and reinforces that the Company does not accept any form of exploitation of adult or child labour and that the Company will not maintain relations with suppliers, entities or institutions that collude with these practices.
  - (b) **Community engagement** - the Company is committed to being a responsible steward of the environment and building collaborative partnerships with communities, governments and all other stakeholders for mutual success. The Company has established good community relations practices and procedures and maintains an open and positive dialogue with local stakeholders. Further details of community engagement can be found on the Company's website at [www.meridianmining.co](http://www.meridianmining.co).

- (c) **Procurement policy** - the Company's operations are supported by a supply chain which predominantly comprises goods and services required for the mining, processing and recovery of gold and copper. Where practical, the Company sources goods and services necessary to maintain its operations via supply chains. The Company tries to use local suppliers if possible and appropriate in order to enhance its contribution to socioeconomic welfare in the State of Mato Grosso and the surrounding region.
  - (i) The Group currently conducts business with numerous suppliers, with the significant majority of them based in Brazil and cumulatively covering over 90% of the Group's requirements. The majority of the other suppliers are based in North America and Europe.
  - (ii) The Group maintains open channels of communication with its suppliers and encourages them to raise any issues or concerns that arise in the conduct of their business.
- (d) **Employment policy** - Employment terms and conditions for the Company's employees based at its executive offices in the UK and Canada and at its Brazilian operations are regulated by and are operated in compliance with all relevant prevailing national and local legislation. Employment terms and conditions provided to staff meet or exceed the national norms.
- (e) **Whistle-blowing** – The Company encourages all of its employees to report any concerns related to the activities of the firm. Any questions or violation reports will be addressed immediately, seriously and can be made anonymously. The Company will ensure that any matter raised under this procedure will be investigated thoroughly, promptly and confidentially, and the outcome of the investigation reported back to the individual who raised the issue. Additionally, the Company will ensure that no one will be victimised for raising a matter under this procedure. The Audit and Risk Committee receives regular reports on whistleblowing and regularly reviews these whistleblowing arrangements to ensure they remain effective and fit for purpose.

4.3 In addition, internal policies are reviewed regularly to ensure continued compliance with the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

## 5 DUE DILIGENCE PROCESSES FOR SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The Company believes that in order to prevent human trafficking and slavery within its business and its supply chain it is necessary to first understand the areas where the Company is most at risk. Although the work conducted at the Company's mining operations is labour intensive, the Company feels that the unionised workforce and the Company's adherence to strict employment policies and regular inspection by the Ministry of Labour negate the risk of modern slavery in this operation. As a consequence, the Company feels its supply chain is the area that presents the most risk. As a result of the due diligence process the Company has conducted, systems have been put in place to:

- (a) continue to identify and assess potential risk areas in the Company's business and supply chains;
- (b) continue to adhere to, and enforce the Company's Code of Ethics and Conduct, the Company's procurement policy and the Company's employment policies;
- (c) seek to continue the good relationship built with unions and the Ministry of Labour in Brazil; and
- (d) protect whistle-blowers.

## **6 SUPPLIER ADHERENCE TO OUR VALUES AND ETHICS**

- 6.1 To ensure contractors and those in the Company's supply chain comply with its values and ethics, the Company incorporates into its procurement procedures and contracts a requirement for suppliers to positively confirm their compliance with the International Labour Organisation declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at work.
- 6.2 In addition efforts are made to confirm that the Company's suppliers are as committed to the prevention of human trafficking and slavery as the Company, and each supplier's conduct is carefully considered when awarding or renewing business.
- 6.3 Reviews of the Company's suppliers and its supply chain profile are conducted annually.

## **7 TRAINING**

To ensure a high level of understanding of the risks of modern slavery and human trafficking in its supply chains and business, the Company continues to provide the necessary training to all relevant employees.

## **8 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

The Company uses the following key performance indicators to measure how effective it is in ensuring that slavery and human trafficking is not taking place in any part of its business or supply chain:

- (a) completion of necessary training of the policy by all relevant staff;
- (b) communication of the policy to suppliers; and
- (c) continued progress of the social and labour plan of the Group in Brazil.

This statement was approved by Meridian's Board of Directors on **20 April** 2026 and signed by our Chief Executive Officer.



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**Chief Executive Officer**