Gonvarri Material Handling AS

The due diligence report in accordance with the Transparency Act

The Group

Gonvarri Material Handling Group manufacture innovative, cutting edge storage solutions through our global network. Gonvarri Material Handling Group comprises of the Constructor, Kasten, Dexion, Stålteknik and Kredit brands and is one of Europe's leading engineering and manufacturers of storage solutions. We have a strong and rich history with centuries of combined knowledge, allowing customers access to a global network of storage expertise and experience. With coverage across much of the globe, the Group has helped some of the worlds' leading brands and pioneering SME's. It aims to support customers and partners with storage planning, installation and ongoing service and support.

Gonvarri Material Handling AS is the Norwegian Holding company of the Group and holds operations across large parts of Europe, including factories in Germany, Romania, Czech Republic and Sweden, as well as sales companies in several European countries. The company is owned by the Spanish Group Gonvarri Industries, which is a leading company in the market of flat steel and aluminium processing. With more than 60 years of experience, the group has over 6,000 employees in 19 countries and 45 factories. Gonvarri Industries has a strong focus on sustainability, including human rights and decent working conditions.

Constructor Norge AS is the Norwegian subsidiary of Gonvarri Material Handling AS and where the operational activity takes place within Norway. It is also following the transparency act and is publishing a separate due diligence report in its webpages. This report is also including the findings in the subsidiary.

Introduction

The Transparency Act entered into force on 1 July 2022 and was adopted to promote companies' respect for basic human rights and decent working conditions. Gonvarri Material Handling AS is committed to safeguard fundamental human rights and decent working conditions, both in our own business, our supply chain and our business partners. We work actively to implement this in our daily business. Together with our owners, the company continuously maps and assesses risks related to our business through due diligence assessments. The responsibility is also anchored in the business through board decisions.

Constructor Norge AS has established a routine for following up on the Transparency Act, which describes the process so that all employees participate in the due diligence assessments. The company is ISO certified and as part of this conducts ongoing supplier assessments. They have membership in Startbank, a qualification scheme for companies within the building and construction industry.

As part of Gonvarri Industries, we are included in the extensive work our owners conduct related to sustainability and social responsibility. On their website, they have published a comprehensive sustainability report which also includes decent working conditions, as well as a Human Rights Gonvarri Corporate Policy, https://www.gonvarri.com/en/sustainability/.



Mapping

All Group units throughout Europe are subject to internal control and follow-up, we are basing our activity on the Gonvarri Industries' sustainability report and human rights principles. Risk is therefore considered to be low. The Norwegian entity is purchasing the main portion of its supply from other Group units.

In Norway, some of our products are delivered from external manufacturers within EU. We also use external assembly companies and transporters which are using foreign labour. In Norway we mostly interact with Norwegian companies (NUF company or Norwegian VAT registered). These are considered to have a lower risk, but we are still aware that breaches can occur. We implement targeted measures to ensure that risk is as low as possible.

The greatest risk is considered to apply to assembly companies and transporters hiring foreign labour.

Measures

Efforts are being made to ensure that all contracts with our external suppliers include clauses dealing with respect for basic human rights and decent working conditions. This also includes suppliers' approval of our "code of conduct" and supplier assessment, PVA (Preferred Vendor Assessment) on an annual basis. These have been prepared by Gonvarri Industries and apply to all the group's units.

It is expected that all our subcontractors and other partners work persistently and systematically to comply with sustainable business.

Results

As of today, we consider the company to be a relatively safe company with no major risk of violations of basic human rights or decent working conditions. Mapping and risk classification have not identified actual negative consequences or a significant risk of negative impact on human rights or decent working conditions through the overall risk assessment. We will nevertheless prioritize the areas with a moderate risk, such as the use of assembly companies and transporters.

Gonvarri Material Handling AS and Constructor Norge AS will continue to have a strong spotlight on responsible business. The experience we gain from working with risk assessments is used to improve our processes and results in the future. Legislation similar to the Norwegian Transparency Act will gradually come into force for several European countries, which also means an increased spotlight on risk assessments within the whole of Gonvarri Industries.

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