

## Statement under the Modern Slavery Act 2015

We have reported on our ethical approach to procurement for a number of years. However this year we are required by law to publish a statement outlining the steps we have taken during the financial year ended 3rd September 2016 to ensure that slavery and human trafficking are not taking place in our business or supply chain.

We are a complex business with a variety of different supply chains. We have initiated a review of the supplier arrangements within all our divisions so we can report more comprehensively in the future.

We have tracked procurement in our food division for many years and can confirm that over 98% of our food procurement is done through membership of Federal Retail Trading Services Ltd which is managed by the Co-operative Group in accordance with their ethical buying policies which we support. The Co-operative Group has stated that it's committed to developing fair and sustainable relationships with suppliers across its supply chain. The remainder of our food is sourced locally from verified local suppliers and we expect them to have systems in place to ensure their employees are not enslaved or forced to work contrary to legislation.

All of our fuel procurement for our filling stations is from Certas Energy, a British company which supplies fuel from a local refinery at Immingham to all of our sites.

All of our medicine procurement for our pharmacies is from wholesalers who are licensed by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) as being approved in good manufacturing practice and/or good distribution practice.

This statement was approved by the board of directors on 24th October 2016.

**Signed**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Parker', written in a cursive style.

**Stuart Parker**, *President*