

BD Canada Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act Statement for the financial year ending 30 September 2024.

Advancing the world of health™ is BD's corporate purpose and the inspiration behind our global enterprise. It is a call to action that resounds with BD associates around the world. BD's corporate culture is guided by our Core Values:

- We do what is right;
- We are all accountable
- We thrive on innovation and demand quality
- We learn and improve every day
- We help each other be great

BD associates are expected to follow these values in all aspects of business, including dealings with suppliers, customers and other stakeholders. We see the modern social and environmental challenges our world faces as opportunities to make a difference while strengthening our company. Our approach is centered upon shared value creation meaning how we address unmet societal needs through business models and initiatives that also contribute to the commercial success of BD.

The Canada Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chain Act of 2023 requires certain organizations carrying out business in Canada to publish a statement regarding forced labour and child labour. The following describes BD's efforts in this regard.

Organization, Business Structure, and Supply Chains

BD is a global medical technology company that is advancing the world of health by improving medical discovery, diagnostics and the delivery of care. This statement covers BD's programs and activities for our fiscal year starting October 1, 2023, and ending on September 30, 2024 ("FY'2024"). In FY'2024, BD operated three worldwide segments: BD Medical, which included Medication Management Solutions, Medication Delivery Solutions, and Pharmaceutical Systems; BD Life Sciences, which included Biosciences and Integrated Diagnostic Solutions; and BD Interventional, which included Surgery, Peripheral Interventional and Urology and Critical Care.

In FY'2024 our operations spanned over 302 locations worldwide comprising of manufacturing, warehousing, administrative, and research facilities. We were comprised of approximately 74,000 associates serving over 61countries making BD a truly global organization.

In FY'2024, BD worked with over 33,000 suppliers globally that provide both goods and services. BD has over 1,200 critical suppliers that provide key materials, including plastics, glass, metals, textiles, electronic and mechanical subassemblies, and various paper, agricultural, biological, chemical and petrochemical products.

BD is headquartered in Franklin Lakes, NJ (USA) and is publicly listed on the New York Stock Exchange (BDX). BD's main operations include the provision and delivery of medical technology. Globally, this includes the direct employment of workers to manufacture products, research and development of products and services, global sales and marketing programs, and distribution of goods and services.



BD's Canada (Bard Canada Inc., Becton Dickinson Canada Inc., Synergie Medicale BRG Inc., VAS-Cath Incorporated, and GeneOhm Sciences Canada ULC) sites comprise over 700 associates with head offices in Mississauga, Ontario, technical service centers in Mississauga and Quebec City, Quebec along with a manufacturing location in Quebec City. In Canada, BD's operations include marketing, sales, and distribution of goods and services.

Prevention and reduction of risks of forced labour and child labour

BD implements a human rights due diligence process to identify, mitigate and prevent human right abuses both within our own operations and within our wider supply chain. Our human rights due diligence is based on the principles outlined in the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and covers all of the human rights laid out in these laws, which include forced labour and child labour.

Own operations

For our own operations, including our manufacturing sites, BD maintains robust Human Resources, Environmental, Health, and Safety (EHS) and Ethics & Compliance programs that foster a culture of compliance with the BD Code of Conduct and local laws, whichever are more stringent. Newly acquired operations are included to ensure that they meet BD expectations and policy requirements.

In our Supply Chain

Within our supply chain, where our highest risk of human rights abuses, including forced labour and child labour, exists, we implement a due diligence process to understand risk and evaluate suppliers. This process puts suppliers through several layers of risk assessment (both online and/or in-person), and assigns corrective actions if their practices are deemed insufficient to prevent human rights abuses. This process is detailed in a later section of this report.

It is recognized that the risk of forced labour and child labour are elevated in certain geographies and in certain industries. BD prioritizes due diligence based on intelligence of this nature from third party sources (including known actor lists, third party media monitoring, and other intelligence sources) and is constantly evaluating and adjusting how we prioritize suppliers for deeper assessment based on this understanding. We also understand that our highest risk may not sit in our tier-1 supplier network and are implementing integrated supply chain mapping to tier-5 -against our critical to healthcare products to better identify if known actors exist within our supply chain or to evaluate risk based on a specific country/industry. This is detailed later in this report.

This supply chain due diligence process is administered by BD at the global level, every supplier (both direct and indirect) is analyzed for risk and subject to the due diligence process if they are deemed in scope for analysis. This process allows BD to address the highest risk of child labour and forced labour, rather than addressing only the suppliers specific to BD Canada. This also ensures that goods produced by BD outside of Canada and imported into the country have already been assessed for these risks.

In addition to our human rights due diligence activities, BD works to ensure that other contact points with suppliers (on site visits, audits performed for other reasons, on-boarding, etc.) include reference to our BD Expectations for Suppliers, provide a process and reminder to report any observed human rights or other Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance (ESG) abuses, and provide training/guidance on what might indicate human rights issues that should be reported.



Supplementary information¹

BD is also subject to the reporting requirements under the following human rights supply chain legislation :

- The United Kingdom's Modern Slavery Act
- Australia's Modern Slavery Act
- California's Transparency in Supply Chains Act
- Norway Supply Chain Transparency Act
- Germany Supply Chain Act

Policies and Due Diligence Processes in relation to forced labour and child labour

BD Policies

BD is committed to acting in compliance with all applicable laws and BD's ethical standards and ensuring that no instances of forced labour and child labour occur in any part of our own business or our supply chain. To that end, BD maintains several policies that reflect our Core Values, which BD associates are expected to follow in all aspects of business, including dealings with suppliers, customers and other stakeholders. These include:

- The <u>BD Code of Conduct</u> including our policies on human rights and prohibits the use of child, forced, prison, indentured, bonded or involuntary labor in all of BD's operations. BD is committed to conducting business in a manner that is compliant with all applicable laws, including employment and human rights laws and regulations wherever we have operations.
- The <u>BD Global Human Rights Policy</u> which outlines our policy on human rights in more detail.
- <u>BD Expectations for Suppliers</u> (updated biannually) prohibits the use of involuntary labor of any kind, including slave labor, indentured/debt labor, forced labor, or prison labor, prohibits child labour, and any other human rights abuses by BD suppliers. This document details the minimum standards that all our suppliers must meet with regards to human rights in addition to other topics. Compliance has been evaluated primarily through written acknowledgements and through periodic audits based on the level of risk. BD includes language in our contracts, purchase orders, supplier terms and conditions, and supplier onboarding process, among others, that requires suppliers to represent, warrant, and/or certify that they comply with the EFS and all relevant laws (including labor laws) where failure to comply could be a breach of contract and result in contract termination, payment of damages and other consequences and/or remedies depending on the terms of the agreement. Suppliers receive training on this document as updates are released, with the last training taking place in February 2024.
- The <u>BD Global Speaking Up Policy</u> BD encourages and expects all associates and agents to speak up about any actual or suspected violations of laws, regulations, the BD Code of Conduct, BD Policies, or relevant industry codes, except as prohibited by law, as per its Global Speaking Up Policy. Those that speak up in good faith are protected against any form of retaliation or discipline.

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¹ To align with subsection 11(3) of the law, we have detailed sections here that were not covered earlier in this report. Structure, activities and supply chains are addressed earlier and therefore not detailed here again.



Practices geared toward ensuring that forced labour or child labour do not exist in our workforce are incorporated, such as:

- We do not charge any of our associates recruitment fees and do not work with recruitment agencies that engage in this practice.
- We do not withhold identity documents, immigration documents or any other personal documentation of our associates.
- We encourage our associates to report, without fear of retaliation, any matters related to human trafficking, modern slavery, or any other human rights violations.
- We follow an established vetting process for new recruitment agencies prior to use.
- We incorporate age verification aligned with International Labor Organization's principles into our new hire background screening process to ensure that child labour is not used.

BD Due Diligence

Within our supply chain, where our highest risk of human rights abuses, including forced labour and child labour exists, we implement a due diligence process to understand risk and evaluate suppliers.

Suppliers are first evaluated by a third party to understand human rights risk, which includes child labour and forced labour risk factors. BD recognizes that our highest risk suppliers are likely to be found in countries and industries cited for having the highest prevalence of modern slavery and human trafficking rights violations.

BD then prioritizes suppliers for the next level of assessment (via a third-party administered desktop assessment) based on this risk, criticality of the supplier to BD, and our internal dynamic model. This prioritization is ever evolving as we monitor emerging and ongoing risks, and is guided by third party risk intelligence solutions, changing awareness of human rights issues, and compliance requirements of individual countries where we operate. Results of this desktop assessment may end in review by Responsible Sourcing Operating Committee (which may determine that BD will exit a supplier), assignment of corrective actions, and/or in-person audits, depending on the level of risk identified.

These desktop audits specifically address key labor and Human Rights practices, in addition to other ESG topics, and ask suppliers to show documentation that these practices are put in place effectively. A third-party expert reviews this documentation to ensure a non-biased evaluation. As suppliers are identified as high risk our Responsible Sourcing Operating Committee, consisting of multifunctional representatives tasked with oversight of the BD Human Rights Supply Chain Due Diligence efforts (Reporting into the Chief Sustainability Officer and Chief Procurement Officer), works to engage across the company to support the review and remediation of risks or known issues identified within the supplier. If a supplier receives an unacceptable score on their desktop audit BD immediately assigns corrective actions in the tool to improve their score and will evaluate results through this Responsible Sourcing Operating committee to determine the best path for further engagement; this may include the further assignment and review of corrective actions (both in and outside the tool), inperson human rights focused audits, or remediation as necessary. Suppliers are expected to be actively engaged to correct practices highlighted in the Corrective Action program and that this work be done promptly. The Responsible Sourcing Operating Committee reviews supplier engagement and targets further action as part of this work.

Additionally, in partnership with our risk monitoring supplier, using AI and machine learning, BD has been working to map our sub-tier supply chains for critical to health product lines. This solution allows us to better understand tier-n risk for specific risk areas; particularly useful for our understanding of BD supply chain's human rights risk where specific regions and commodities are designated as known



issues. By using this mapping capability, BD has focused on mapping specific complex issues, rather than attempting to map a network of this size and scope in its entirety, thus allowing us to focus on areas of our greatest risk. This cutting-edge capability allows BD to more confidently understand our risk profile, and thus target human rights risks directly.

BD deploys this mapping technology as key human rights risks emerge, such as elevated risk for specific commodities coming from specific regions. BD does not report this risk analysis publicly but does communicate through our upstream supplier network to strengthen our understanding of the risk and account for it as necessary.

Assessing and Managing Risk

The human rights commitments in the BD Human Rights Policy and the BD Code of Conduct are integrated across our operations through a number of oversight systems and processes.

Within BD

Our Integrated Supply Chain (including Operations, Supply Chain, Procurement and Sustainability/EHS) and Human Resources functions ensure compliance with our policies prohibiting forced labor and child labour across all our operations.

In FY2023, we completed a human rights salience assessment across our entire value chain to identify and prioritize human rights risks relevant to BD aligned with the United Nations Guiding Principles Reporting Framework criteria regarding scale, scope, remendability and likelihood. The assessment identified five salient Human Rights issues that we focused our efforts on in FY2024.

We further enhanced programs within own operations such as continuing to address potential occupational health and safety concerns with workers, and continuously reviewed U.S. BD facilities and end-disposal for environmental justice, waste and community impacts.

Our 2030+ ESG goal for a healthy workforce and communities, and programs such as our Good Jobs Strategy support decent work and economic growth. The Good Jobs Strategy provides a framework to offer attractive careers for our manufacturing associates by fostering a safe work environment, providing job satisfaction and a sense of belonging, and offering competitive healthcare and compensation, as well as training and development opportunities.

All of our manufacturing and distribution locations complete an annual self-assessment and develop action plans for specific site improvements. Actions include additional training for leaders, enhanced communication mechanisms and career path programs. BD has taken steps to enhance working conditions, including investing in facility upgrades globally, rolling out manager, effectiveness training, enhancing communication mechanisms and career path programs, and making investments to ensure wage competitiveness. We've also promoted participation in our Associate Resource Groups (ARGs) to associates as a potential source of community and belonging and made participation more accessible to them. Currently, more than 90% of our manufacturing sites have at least one active ARG, and nearly 500 supply chain and operations associates belong to ARGs.

Within our Supply Chain

As detailed earlier, the greatest risk for instances of child labour or forced labour to BD is within our supply chain.

With a global supply chain of over 33,000 tier 1 suppliers, the sheer size and scope of our supply chain presents a risk; evaluating every supplier is a long-term process and the tools we have applied to prioritize suppliers for evaluation are not infallible. We have built in multiple assessment stages to



minimize this risk, but the vast number of suppliers to assess represents a chance that we might not discover a risk. We also recognize that a supply chain of this size increases the number of sub-tier suppliers in our network, thus increasing the chance of instances of modern slavery in our supply base. We mitigate these risks through due diligence processes that focus on high-risk geographies and prioritization of assessments for higher risk (as identified through ai intelligence, risk analysis, experience of supply chain management, etc) suppliers, both for existing suppliers and, as we update our pre-screening process, for new suppliers.

Suppliers are analyzed, via a third party, against geographic or location risk and geopolitical risk as it relates to forced labour and other human rights risks, and a third-party news monitoring system is in place to flag any issues as they arise. Suppliers that are deemed as highest risk and/or key BD suppliers are prioritized for detailed assessment via a third-party administered desktop audit, review by Responsible Sourcing Operating Committee, and/or full in-person audits, depending on the level of risk identified.

Additionally, BD employees are trained to report violations of BD's Code of Conduct or BD Expectations for Suppliers to the BD Ethics Hotline. BD suppliers are also trained and encouraged to report concerns through the same process. Such reports may trigger additional risk assessments involving the Ethics Office, Global Operations, Responsible Sourcing Operating Committee, and any other relevant departments until identified risks are adequately managed by appropriate follow-up actions where necessary.

Measures taken to remediate forced labour or child labour Within our own operations, BD has not identified any instances of forced labour or child labour and therefore has no instances of remediation.

Within our Supply Chain

BD has assessed our entire tier-1 supply chain against our initial risk assessment, escalated higher risk suppliers for deeper assessment/audit, and has performed desktop audits for over 2,079 suppliers. Through this wider due diligence process we identified 68 suppliers at the start of this reporting year that represent an elevated risk for human rights abuses, including forced or child labour. These suppliers do not have confirmed instances of forced labour, child labour, or other human rights abuses in their risk profile, but their practices and policies were deemed by BD to need improvement in order to prevent any of these abuses. These suppliers have all been assigned corrective actions and are actively working to demonstrate improvements – as of end of FY24 over 52% of the suppliers deemed as higher risk have completed corrective actions and reduced their risk rating. The Responsible Sourcing Operating Committee tracks supplier efforts and will intervene in a supplier relationship if the supplier is deemed to not be implementing corrective actions in a timely manner or in a manner intended to reduce this risk. This committee will also intervene if a supplier is thought to be engaged in activities related to state sponsored forced labour and will immediately seek to dissolve the relationship with that supplier.

We have not identified any confirmed instances of forced labour or child labour within our supply chain. We have therefore not participated in any remediation efforts, but an internal guidance document exists to guide efforts, under ownership of the Responsible Sourcing Operating Committee, if we should need to do so.

Training and Capacity Building

BD takes steps to educate associates and third parties so they can identify forced labour, child labour and other human rights abuses and take steps to eliminate them – both in our own operations and within our supply chain. These steps include:



- For our own operations, including our manufacturing sites, BD maintains robust Environmental, Health, and Safety, Ethics and Compliance, and Labor Standards programs that foster a culture of compliance within both the BD Code of Conduct and local laws, whichever are more robust. These programs include relevant training and guidance as appropriate. Additionally, all BD associates are trained annually on our BD Code of Conduct, which includes a section on Human Rights and links to relevant policies such as BD Human Rights Policy.
- BD provides a Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking training developed by a third party and administered online, annually. This course explains that forced labor, also known as modern slavery, still exists in the world and prompts the learner to consider ways of identifying, preventing and stopping it in the supply chain. It also trains BD associates on how to report known or suspected human rights abuses via our Ethics Helpline. This course is delivered to over 10,000 BD associates that interact directly and indirectly in sourcing, managing, advising on, or are otherwise involved with our suppliers, including but not limited to our leaders and our associates in the following departments: Environment, Health and Safety, Procurement, Supply Chain, Quality, R&D, Operations, Human Resources, and our Law Group.
- Supplier quality auditors are provided an additional, more in-depth training specifically for quality auditors who regularly visit supplier locations to help them better identify and report suspected human rights violations, with a focus on doing so in a manner that maintains their safety.
- BD provides both internal and external trainings on the Expectations for Suppliers document
 - Internally, all procurement functions attend a required training around the Expectations for Suppliers as it is updated. This training details updates made to the document, implementation of the document, and how to report suspected non-compliance.
 - o For Suppliers, BD administers online training on our Expectations for Suppliers. These trainings include definitions of forced labor, modern slavery, and human trafficking, tools on identifying red flags and high-risk areas, and guidance on best practices. This training also includes updates on any changes made to the e Expectations for Suppliers in the latest version and links suppliers to tools and resources to continuously improve human rights and other ESG related practices.
 - o BD Responsible Sourcing Toolkit this document was developed to help suppliers ensure compliance with the BD Expectations for Suppliers. It was developed as a training/resource document as a starting point for suppliers who want to learn more. It provides access to external best practice, tools and resources, and external organizations to help suppliers track the changing practices in topics such as human rights, environmental sustainability, and risk. BD updates this document regularly to ensure suppliers have access to changing best practice.

Reporting/Grievance Mechanism

BD maintains the BD Ethics Hotline, a third party led monitoring and oversight mechanism that is available both internally for BD associates and externally for all stakeholders. This system allows for anonymous (where permitted by law) and/or confidential reporting of all types of ethics concerns, including known or suspected human rights abuses, both within BD and in our wider supply chain. It is available online or via telephone in a number of languages.

Measurement and Effectiveness

Across all of our programs that address Human Rights and Modern Slavery, we assess management effectiveness through periodic program reviews and have started to implement Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to track this work.



In FY24, we enhanced our Human Rights Policy to include our values with respect to environmental justice and our acknowledgment of the human right to water.

In FY'2021 we established responsible sourcing KPIs that include:

- 1. We will strengthen our engagement with supply chain partners on their labor and environmental practices and performance by completing desktop environmental/social audits for strategic, preferred and critical suppliers by 2023.
- 2. We will partner with strategic, preferred, and critical suppliers to evaluate risk in Tier-2 by 2030.
- 3. We will seek to have 90% of total eligible spend reflected in completed supplier ESG focused desktop audits by 2025.

As of the end of FY'2024 we have completed a total of 2,079 supplier audits. To date, this represents 76 percent of our total in scope spend having completed a supplier scorecard. Of the suppliers who were assessed and indicated higher risk for human rights, 52% implemented corrective actions and reduced their risk for human rights abuses (52% of those who started the Fiscal Year with a high-risk rating successfully completed corrective actions and were reassessed at a lower risk).

We report progress against these goals in our annual ESG Report, available at bd.com.

We also participate in industry working groups where we learn best practices that have been implemented by companies across sectors, and we seek to apply those where they add value to our programs.

BD strives to continuously improve its programs to ensure compliance with applicable laws and BD's ethical standards and to meet the expectations of our customers, our shareholders, our associates, our communities and other stakeholders.

During the development of this statement, we engaged with each of the reporting entities covered by this statement and consulted with the entities we own or control. We discussed details of the reporting requirements and information regarding the actions we intend to take to address these requirements and provided them with relevant materials and updates.

This statement was approved and adopted by the Board of Directors for Bard Canada Inc (Registration #141052)., Becton Dickinson Canada Inc. (Registration #100448760), Synergie Medicale BRG Inc. (Registration #1315106-9), VAS-Cath Incorporated (Registration #1225385), and GeneOhm Sciences Canada ULC (Registration #896961141) on April 30, 2025..

In accordance with the requirements of the Act, and in particular section 11 thereof, I attest that I have reviewed the information contained in the report for the entity or entities listed above. Based on my knowledge, and having exercised reasonable diligence, I attest that the information in the report is true, accurate and complete in all material respects for the purposes of the Act, for the reporting year listed above.

Stephanie Kelly

Chief Securities and Governance Counsel, Corporate Secretary

April 30, 2025

I have the authority to bind Bard Canada Inc., Becton Dickinson Canada Inc., Synergie Medicale BRG Inc., VAS-Cath Incorporated, and GeneOhm Sciences Canada ULC.