



## Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy

## 1) Overview

### Policy Introduction

It is Sense Design Build Ltd.'s policy to conduct all of its business in an honest and ethical manner. We do not tolerate bribery and corruption (whether directly or indirectly through other third parties that we work with) and we are committed to acting professionally, fairly and with integrity in all our business dealings and relationships. We are committed to implementing and enforcing effective systems and processes to counter bribery and corruption.

Sense Design Build Ltd is bound by the laws of the UK, including the Bribery Act 2010. This Policy, which has been approved by the Director of Sense Design Build Ltd. In addition, this Policy must be understood and followed by anyone who acts for Sense Design Build Ltd, either as an employee or as a third party.

Bribery is punishable for individuals by up to 10 years' imprisonment and if we are found to have taken part in bribery the Company could face an unlimited fine, see restrictions placed on our business and face severe damage to our reputation. We therefore take our legal responsibilities very seriously.

Should you have any questions about the content of this Policy, please contact our Director and Anti-Bribery and Corruption Compliance Officer Mr Carl Boorer on 0207 097 2225.

## 2) Policy Content

This policy document contains the following sections:

- a) Definitions and Explanations
- b) Key Principles
- c) Policy Statements

### a) Definitions and Explanations

#### 1.0 What is Bribery and Corruption?

The terms "bribery" and "corruption" are often used interchangeably. Corruption refers to a wide range of corrupt activities, such as dishonesty, fraud, extortion, and abuse of public office, all of which Sense Design Build Ltd does not tolerate. Bribery is a common form of corruption.

This Policy deals with bribery specifically, but its principles extend to corrupt behaviour that may not strictly be classed as bribery, but which, nevertheless, is not tolerated at Sense Design Build Ltd.

A bribe is defined as a "financial or other advantage" made with the intention to:

- a) obtain or retain business or an advantage in the conduct of business and/or
- b) induce or award improper conduct (such as breach of an expectation that the recipient will act in good faith or impartially)

There is no strict definition of "financial or other advantage".

The link between the advantage sought and the improper conduct may take one or more of three forms:

1. a person being bribed may intend the improper conduct to follow as a consequence of the request, agreement to receive or the acceptance of the advantage.
2. receiving, agreeing to receive or accepting the advantage may itself amount to improper performance.
3. the advantage may be the reward for the improper performance.

and the Bribery Act 2010 wherein it is an offence to:

1. offer, promise or give a bribe,
2. request, agree to receive or accept a bribe,
3. bribe a public official (this covers any person performing a public function) or
4. (for companies) fail to prevent bribery by an “associated” person, i.e. anyone that performs services for or on behalf of a commercial organisation, such as employees or agents and, in some cases, subsidiaries and other parties they work with

A bribe does not have to involve the exchange of cash and bribery does not just affect bribes to or from public officials, but also includes bribes between private persons or businesses.

Bribery may involve facilitation payments or “kickbacks”. Sense Design Build Ltd does not make and will not accept these types of payments. Facilitation payments (also known as “speed” or “grease” payments) are typically small, unofficial payments made to secure or expedite a routine action.

These are often, but not always, associated with public officials and particularly foreign public officials.

## **2.0 Penalties**

Bribery is considered to be a criminal offence as well as a corporate offence.

Any individual found guilty of a bribery offence may face imprisonment for a maximum of 10 years and/or an unlimited fine.

The corporate offence is a strict liability offence, which also carries an unlimited fine. This means that the intention of improper performance does not need to be proven. If convicted, Sense Design Build Ltd would face the possibility of being excluded from tender processes for any public sector contracts as a result of having a bribery conviction.

## **2.1 Responsibilities**

All employees are responsible for implementing and complying with this Anti- Bribery and Corruption Policy and for taking any other steps which are appropriate to prevent bribery and corruption within their businesses. Every employee also has a responsibility to ensure they understand and comply with the contents of this Policy.

Carl Boorer as our Anti-Bribery and Corruption Compliance Officer will review and monitor the scope of and compliance with the Policy on an ongoing basis. Changes will be made as required to the Policy, which will be communicated to all employees and business partners. The Policy will be reviewed for compliance on an annual basis.

The Director of Sense Design Build Ltd Mr Carl Boorer is responsible for approving the Policy.

## **b) Key Principles**

### **3.1 Integrity**

Employees and business partners must not act in a way that could undermine or give risk to allegations or doubts about their integrity or commitment to a zero-tolerance approach to bribery and corruption. Employees and business partners must conduct all business relationships fairly, honestly and “at arms’ length”.

### **3.2 Transparency**

Employees and business partners must exercise extreme care to ensure their business dealings are clear and ethical. This is particularly important in partnerships, especially those with agents, intermediaries and our supply chain.

### **3.3 Reporting**

Employees and business partners must immediately report any suspected business wrongdoing verbally and in writing. This can be reported directly to Mr Carl Boorer at [carlboorer@sensedesignbuild.com](mailto:carlboorer@sensedesignbuild.com).

All employees and business partners are assured that they will not suffer any adverse consequences for refusing to take part in bribery or corruption, or for reporting suspected business wrongdoing, including bribery.

### **3.4 Training**

Training will be provided to all employees to facilitate understanding of the Policy. All employees must complete this training. New employees will be provided with access to the training as part of their induction to Sense Design Build Ltd.

As is considered necessary, refresher training will be provided either when there are significant changes to the Policy or where compliance with the Policy has been found to be below expectations.

### **3.5 Actions**

We will act firmly in respect of any failure to comply with this Policy. Any failure to comply by employees may result in dismissal and may also result in criminal prosecution and/or civil proceedings.

Any failure to comply by business partners will mean that the contractual agreements may be terminated, and we will avoid doing business with that partner in the future.

## **c) Policy Statements**

Sense Design Build Ltd operates a zero tolerance approach to bribery and corruption. Our zero-tolerance approach extends to all our business dealings and transactions and sets out the standards expected of our employees and other individuals who work for and with us. Individuals who work for and with us are referred to as business partners within this Policy document.

The Companies Statement of Policy at the end of this document should be sent to all business partners and should form part of any ‘on boarding’ of new sub contractors and Consultants.

Our approach to bribery and corruption seeks to ensure that all our business activities are genuine and ethical and we expect all employees and other individuals who work for and with us to maintain the highest standards of integrity and conduct in all business dealings.

Specific policy statements for processes considered to be “susceptible” to bribery and corruption are set out in sections 4.1 to 4.14 below. To support these policy statements, we have put in place expected procedures and controls which employees must follow.

#### **4.1 Procurement**

All procurement activities, including materials, sub-contract work, services, and consulting, must be undertaken in a manner which limits the possibility of bribery and corruption. “Special” arrangements, contracts, deals or payments must not be set up or made to any supplier or subcontractor where the intention is to induce illegal or inappropriate behaviour.

#### **4.2 Sales**

All employees and business partners must take great care when dealing with customers, agents, advertising agencies and the like to avoid the risk of impropriety. No private payments, or favours are to be accepted from any of the above sources.

#### **4.3 Public Sector, Government and Local Authority Officials**

Great care must be taken when dealing with public sector, government and local authority officials (e.g., planning activities).

There can **never** be a situation where employees of the Company or its business partners may be seen to be trying to unduly influence those from the public sector, government or local authority to act in a way which is favourable to Sense Design Build Ltd by the use of excessive or inappropriate means.

#### **4.4 Charitable Donations and Sponsorships**

It is our policy to make charitable donations and sponsorships when appropriate to do so.

There must be no conflict of interest in making the charitable donation or providing the sponsorship and they must not be made when they could be perceived as unduly influencing a business decision or activity.

Charitable donations must be made only for philanthropic purposes and should be of no financial or other benefit. Sponsorships must only be made for business promotional objectives.

#### **4.5 Political Contributions, Donations, Advice and Lobbying**

We do not make political contributions or donations and we do not make use of political advisers or political lobbying groups.

#### **4.6 Gifts and Corporate Hospitality**

Sense Design Build Ltd permits both the giving and receiving of good faith, reasonable and proportionate gifts, hospitality and entertaining in the course of doing business.

We do not permit the giving or receiving of any gifts, hospitality or entertaining which is perceived, expected or intended to improperly gain or retain business or a business advantage, or to reward a business advantage already given.

All employees and Business Partners shall keep a detailed record of any gifts or hospitality received.

#### **4.7 Expenses Paid by or to Third Parties**

Expenses in these contexts are:

1. the payment, provision or reimbursement by a third party of travel or other related expenses incurred by a division, employee or business partner

2. the receipt, provision or reimbursement by Sense Design Build Ltd of travel or other related expenses incurred by a prospective client, customer or business partner

Such situations are permitted by Sense Design Build Ltd, so long as they are low value and proportionate and do not occur prior to significant business decisions being taken.

#### **4.8 Conflicts of Interest**

A conflict of interest is any situation where an individual's loyalties may be at odds with their duties to Sense Design Build Ltd. A conflict may arise where an individual's relationships (personal or professional), impairs or appears to impair, their ability to:

- 1) Make fair and objective decisions when performing their job; or
- 2) act in Sense Design Build Ltd best interests

All employees are expected at all times to act in our best interest and to exercise sound judgement around any potential conflict of interest situation.

Employees must avoid situations where they, or Sense Design Build Ltd, could be open to suspicion, of dishonesty or favouritism or lack of transparency. Any potential or actual conflicts of interest must be declared as soon as they are known.

#### **4.9 Contracts**

It is our policy to ensure that all contractual documentation for the following contains standard anti-bribery and corruption wording, which sets out our zero-tolerance approach to bribery and corruption:

- 1) contractor/sub-contractor agreements
- 2) purchase of material agreements
- 3) bonds
- 4) consultant appointments
- 5) framework agreements
- 6) miscellaneous agreements
- 7) contracts of employment

#### **4.10 Reward**

Reward structures for employees must be set so as to ensure they do not encourage and are not susceptible to bribery and corruption and all business expenses must be claimed in accordance with the Companies Expenses Policy.

#### **4.11 Employees**

Recruitment processes must provide adequate comfort about the suitability of people being recruited. All employees must be made aware of and be required to comply with Sense Design Build Ltd policy on and approach to bribery and corruption. A failure to comply with the Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy by an employee will be considered a breach of the employment contract, in addition to any criminal justice procedures if criminal offences are committed.

**To Whom It May Concern**

**Statement of Policy  
from  
The Director of Sense Design Build Ltd  
  
Bribery Act 2010**

Sense Design Build Ltd operates a zero-tolerance policy in respect of any form of bribery or corruption. The penalties for bribery and corruption are severe. They include up to 10 years imprisonment for individuals and an unlimited fine for companies as well as adverse publicity and damage to reputation.

This Statement of Policy is deliberately succinct. Combating bribery is fundamentally about common sense and creating a culture of ethical behaviour, not burdensome procedures.

The Bribery Act is not about curtailing legitimate and proportionate corporate entertainment - which is an important device in establishing and maintaining good relationships - it is about stopping bribery and corruption.

Corruption is about the abuse of entrusted power for private gain. This includes bribery, which is the offering, promising or giving of a bribe (active bribery) or accepting a bribe (passive bribery). There is also the bribery of a Foreign Public Official, which is unlikely to apply to Sense Design Build Ltd. There is also the corporate offence where a company fails to prevent bribery being carried out on its behalf.

Sense Design Build Ltd.'s zero tolerance approach to bribery and corruption extends to all the Companies business dealings and transactions and sets out the standards expected of all its employees and those who work for the Company.

The Companies approach to bribery and corruption is underlined not only by adherence to all relevant legislation but by ensuring, as far as possible, that its business activities are genuine and ethical. Sense Design Build Ltd expects all its employees and those work for and with the Company to maintain the highest standards of integrity and conduct in all their business dealings.

It is expected that all those who work for the Company shall adhere to the Companies zero tolerance approach to bribery and corruption, all references to Sense Design Build Ltd and its employees in this Statement of Policy apply equally to individuals and companies who are business partners who work with and for the Company (who are referred to as 'business partners').

## Key Principles

- 1 Integrity** – Sense Design Build Ltd employees and those acting on behalf of the Company ie its Business Partners must not act in any way that could undermine or give rise to allegations or doubts about their integrity or commitment to a zero tolerance approach to bribery and corruption. In particular, employees and business partners must conduct all business relationships fairly and honestly and at arms-length.
- 2 Transparency** – Sense Design Build Ltd employees and business partners must exercise extreme care to ensure their business dealings are clear and ethical. This is so important, particularly in relation to business partnerships (especially those with agents, intermediaries and the Companies supply chain); gifts, corporate hospitality, entertainment and expenses; donations; share dealings; the use of confidential information and conflicts of interest. Sense Design Build Ltd employees and business partners must adhere, at all times, to the Companies purchasing policies and processes.
- 3 Security and Reporting Bribery** – Sense Design Build Ltd encourages employees and business partners to immediately report any suspected business wrongdoing. This can be by reporting directly to Sense Design Build Ltd.'s Anti-Bribery and Corruption Compliance Officer, who is Carl Boorer, the Owner and Director of Sense Design Build Ltd.

All employees and business partners are assured that no employee or business partner will suffer any adverse consequences for refusing to take part in bribery or corruption, or for reporting suspected business wrongdoing, including bribery.

- 4 Monitoring and Review** – The Anti-Bribery and Corruption Compliance Officer will monitor the Policy on an ongoing basis, and he will review Policy compliance annually. As part of this process, if the need arises for changes to this Policy or wider guidance is required, those changes will be implemented.
- 5 Practical Action** – Sense Design Build Ltd will enforce its Policy throughout its employment contracts and in its agreements with its supply chain and business partners. Anti-bribery and corruption provisions will be included in all relevant contracts and agreements with third parties. Sense Design Build Ltd will act firmly in respect of any failure to comply with this Policy. Any failure to comply by employees may result in summary dismissal and may also result in criminal prosecution and/or civil proceedings.

Any failure to comply by business partners will mean that the contractual agreement may be terminated and Sense Design Build Ltd will avoid doing business with that partner in the future. Sense Design Build Ltd will look to its business partners and supply chain to adopt similar policies to Sense Design Build Ltd and encourage comparable arrangements with business partners' own supply chains.

**If you have any concerns about the issues covered in this Statement of Policy, you should not hesitate to raise them with Sense Design Build Ltd.'s Anti-Bribery and Corruption Compliance Officer, Mr Carl Boorer at 16 Linden Place, Mitcham, Surrey, CR4 4EY. Tel 0207 097 2225.**