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Marshalls Shortlisted for 2017 Thomas Reuters Foundation Stop Slavery Award

Marshalls plc is delighted to announce it has been shortlisted for the 2017 Stop Slavery Award, to be conferred at the Thomson Reuters Foundation's annual Trust Conference, held this year on 15 November in London.

Monique Villa, Thomas Reuters Foundation CEO, said, "This year, we received many submissions from high-profile organizations representing 10 industries, ranging from retail to construction, all of whom are taking remarkable steps to limit the risk of slavery in their operations and supply chains."

Martyn Coffey, Marshalls CEO, commented, "We are working hard and smart to make sure that Marshalls' business operations and supply chains worldwide are as toxic as possible to the organised criminals who seek to exploit vulnerable individuals and corporations. To be shortlisted for the 2017 Stop Slavery Awards is extremely gratifying and motivating."

Elaine Mitchel-Hill, Business & Human Rights Lead at Marshalls, added, "The process of entering the Awards was rigorous, as you would expect, but also extremely thought provoking and has fed into our programme of work moving forward. To be shortlisted for such a prestigious award is extremely encouraging. It honours the victim-centred approach that we have taken and also the enthusiasm throughout the business to understand and eradicate modern slavery and human trafficking. It is this whole-hearted engagement from my colleagues which fires my belief that Marshalls has an important contribution to make in leading the sector and together with other like-minded organisation and individuals, finding ways to herd the criminals behind this exploitation into plain sight."

Group Marketing Director, Responsible for Sustainability, Chris Harrop concluded, “As a leader in our sector it is our job to be as informed as we can be. We are working hard to raise awareness within the construction sector and to ensure that we fully understand areas of risk in our own supply chains. Our desire is to make our business operations and supply chains as unattractive to criminals as possible, to support the anti-slavery commissioner and work in collaboration with law enforcement agencies locally, nationally and internationally. We are working creatively with our anti-slavery partner, Hope for Justice, and using everything that we have at our disposal to put victims at the centre of our response. In short, we are committed to doing whatever we can with whatever we have. Marshalls is delighted to be shortlisted and to have the good strides that we have made acknowledged.”

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Editors Notes:

- You can view Marshalls first ‘End Modern Slavery 2017’ Report here - <https://www.marshalls.co.uk/documents/reports/modern-slavery-report-2017.pdf>
- Marshalls published its second Modern Slavery & Anti-Trafficking Policy Statement earlier this year - <https://www.marshalls.co.uk/documents/policies/modern-slavery-and-anti-human-trafficking-policy.pdf>
- Marshalls became a UNGC signatory in 2009 and a member of the UNGC UK Network later the same year. The organisation is required to report on its progress each year in Marshalls UNGC Communication on Progress Report (COP). You can view the most recent COP at www.marshalls.co.uk
- In assessing submissions, Thomas Reuters Foundation hired an independent third party with expertise in anti-modern slavery practices to develop a decision matrix to compare candidates. As last year, our independent reviewer compared company responses to an assessment criteria analysing a company's practice on a scale of 1-10 with individual weighting per question. The assessment criteria was developed using a combination of existing standards (e.g., UK Modern Slavery Act, US Federal Acquisition Requirements) and best practices (e.g, 2016 Know the Chain Benchmarking Methodology, 2016 Business Authentication Criteria).
- Thomas Reuters Foundation 2017 Stop Slavery Award judges - <http://www.stopslaveryaward.com/#judges>
The panel of judges - Kailash Satharathi, Patricia Viseur Sellers, Cyrus Vance, Kevin Hyland, Kenneth Roth and Monique Villa – will now decide over the coming weeks on the eventual winners