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**“Providing the best histopathology solutions is our passion, our know-how and our craft.”**

Slee stands for top technology, high quality standards and consistent customer support. From the invention of the world’s first cryostat back in the year 1954 by our company founder Kenneth Slee until today, we focus on improving the microscopic sample preparation process. The everyday needs of our global users are top priority to us. We work with a global network of partners and are present in more than 150 countries.

This Code of Business Conduct supports and strengthens our operations in accordance with our values. In addition to the specific standards mentioned in this Code, we conduct all our business in a manner that is characterized by compliance with and respect for laws and regulations, contracts and other undertakings, as well as sound and fair business practices. Slee strives to build long-term relations with customers, suppliers, dealers and other business partners based on the principles of mutual trust and confidence. We keep our business partners informed of the contents of this Code. We expect them to conduct their own business in a manner that does not conflict with this Code. Where necessary, we un-

dertake reasonable investigations in order to verify such compliance. At the same time, we show respect for and recognition of the justified compliance requirements of our business partners.

### 1. LEGALITY

We comply with all applicable laws and other legislation, regulations and general and specific obligations, agreements, guidelines and good business practices in all our operations. We keep accurate documents and records of our activities in order to ensure full regulatory and financial accountability.

### 2. LABOUR CONDITIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

We adhere to the UN Declaration of Human Rights, which includes freedom of opinion and religion, equality and the prohibition of discrimination. We do not tolerate forced labor or child labor. As an employer, we comply with the ILO’s (INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION) Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work. We respect the freedom of association and the right of collective bargaining of our employees. We treat our employees fairly and ensure that they are not subject to any form of harassment, discrimination or abuse. We pay employees

at least the minimum wage and applicable overtime pay as set out in national law or applicable collective agreements. We comply with working hours in accordance with applicable laws and collective agreements, or in the absence of laws and collective agreements, we ensure that regular working hours do not exceed 48 hours per week. We ensure that employees have at least one day off in each seven-day period, unless otherwise provided by applicable law.

### **3. CHILD LABOR**

Under no circumstances do we employ children under the legal minimum age for employment. If no such age is specified, the minimum age is the age at which the child has completed compulsory education. Children over the minimum age cannot be hired for dangerous work or work that may be detrimental to the child's personal development.

### **4. HEALTH AND SAFETY IN THE WORK ENVIRONMENT**

We provide a safe and healthy workplace for our employees. We comply with all laws and regulations relating to health and safety. We apply appropriate procedures and controls in order to implement our goal to have zero work-related accidents or incidents. We actively look for ways to further improve our working conditions and working environment and to maintain the health of our employees. We are also committed to the safety of our environment. We store, transport and handle our products in a safe manner. We

endeavor to prevent the unsafe use of any products or services provided by us.

### **5. ENVIRONMENT**

We comply with all laws and regulations relating to protection of the environment. We minimize the environmental impact of our operations and use natural resources efficiently. To that end, we are committed to continuously improving our internal procedures, policies and guidelines. We adhere, where applicable, to relevant environmental programs, commitments and regulations. We optimize the use of raw materials and take into account material and resource efficiency considerations. We provide ongoing environmental training for our employees and inform our stakeholders about environmental issues.

### **6. PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION AND BRIBERY**

We do not engage in any form of illegal corruption, bribery or extortion, whether in relation to public authorities and officials, in relation to our business partners or in relation to any third parties. No Slee employee will, whether on his or her own behalf or on behalf of any Slee entity, accept or offer any direct or indirect benefits that are or may be intended to promote illegal, inappropriate or improper business or personal gain. All Slee employees will avoid situations where their personal interests may conflict with those of Slee or its stakeholders. We will not under any circumstances become involved in any form of money laundering.

## **7. FAIR COMPETITION**

We comply with all applicable, national and international, laws and regulations relating to fair competition and antitrust. We do not engage in activities that might restrain or distort fair competition. Our conduct in relation to our competitors is characterized by fairness, integrity and honesty.

## **8. DATA PROTECTION**

We recognize that the information received by us from our employees, customers, suppliers, dealers and other business partners may be of confidential, proprietary, privileged or otherwise sensitive nature. We take appropriate steps in order to protect all such information and to prevent any improper disclosure or misuse thereof.

## **9. MONITORING, ENFORCEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE CODE**

Adherence to the standards mentioned in this Code is continuously monitored and enforced by all levels of management within Slee. It is also considered an integral part of the everyday work of each employee, regardless of his or her position. Our internal processes, including internal audits, are designed to facilitate the compliance with this Code as well as the detection and rectification of any irregularities or deviations. Both as a group and as individuals, we continuously set goals and targets for ourselves in order to achieve sustainable development in the way we conduct our business. We have a whistle-blowing system in place that allows notifications to be made anonymously by employees.