

## ADS Business Ethics Network (BEN)

**Corruption and Human Rights Challenges** 

## BEN - Foundations and purpose

- ADS Special Interest Group (SIG) formed in 2006
- Aim "To promote the highest possible standards in business ethics and responsible conduct in the international aerospace, defence and security markets"
- BEN Committee comprises compliance director level professionals from: Airbus, BAE Systems, Babcock Intl, Cobham, Interchange, Lockheed Martin, Meggitt, Martin Baker, Reid Smith, Rolls-Royce, Serco, Thales
- Interacts through ADS with ASD, HMG, IBE, IFBEC, professional firms, Transparency International and others
- BEN compiles and publishes the ADS Business Ethics Toolkit
- Provides business ethics seminars and support to all members

## BEN - Areas of discussion and interest



Anti-Bribery and Corruption (abc)

**UK Bribery Act** 

**US Foreign and Corrupt Practices Act** 

**UK Criminal Finances Bill** 

Anti-money laundering regulations

Effects of other national abc legislation and conventions

Human Rights (Slavery & Trafficking)

UK Modern Slavery Act (2015)

**UN Convention on Human Rights** 

**Conflict Minerals** 



## BEN - Areas of concern

- Changing anti-corruption and human rights climate worldwide
- Higher risk markets especially post Brexit
- A&D perceived externally as high risk of corruption sector
- Primes/sub primes supply chains and their sustainability
- Due diligence and KYC increasing demands of stakeholders & banks
- How effectively ethics programmes are implemented
- Introduction of abc standards ISO 37001 going global
- Corporate and sector reputation at stake





#### News > Business > Business News

#### Chemring: Serious Fraud Office opens bribery and corruption investigation into ammunition maker

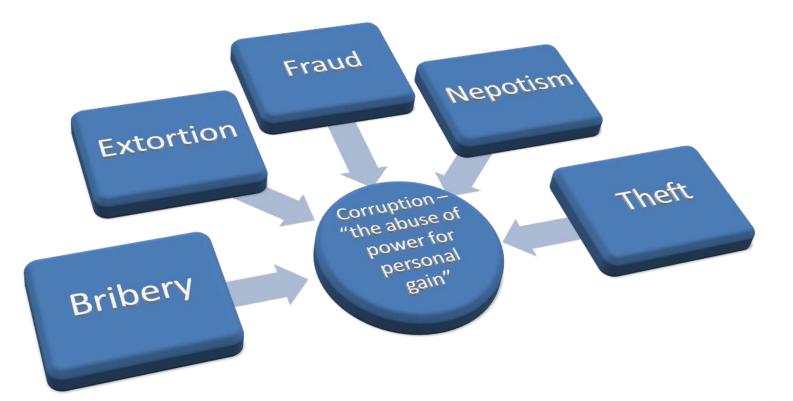
Investigation to include officers, employees, agents and persons associated with the company

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## Lets talk bribery



## 30secs – Corruption, not just brown envelopes



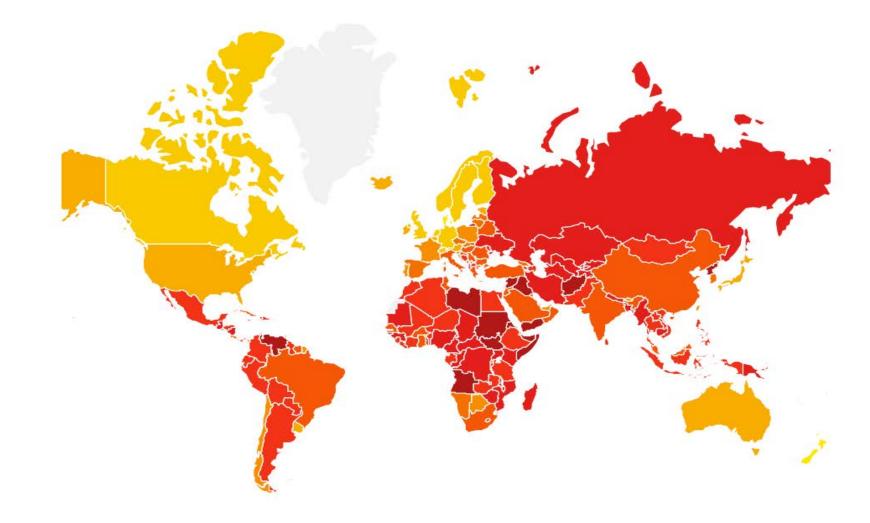


Often using internet and likely to involve money laundering



## 30 secs – Market risk

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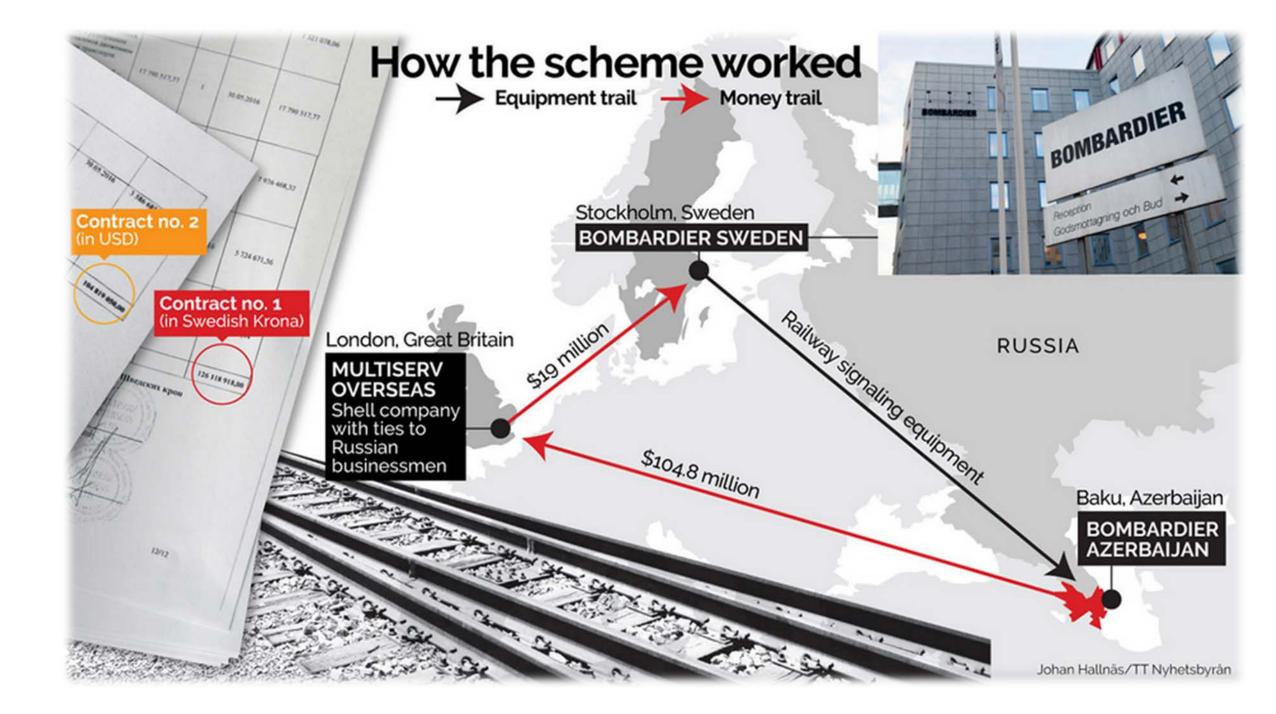
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## 30 secs - Political & regional risk



## 30 secs - Criminal and insider risk







## Relevant law and regulation

Enforced Labour and Human Trafficking -

Modern Slavery Act 2015



## **EXPORT CONTROL**

The four most commonly mined **conflict minerals** (known as 3TGs, from their initials) are cassiterite (for tin), wolframite (for tungsten), coltan (for tantalum), and gold ore, which are extracted from the eastern Congo, and passed through a variety of intermediaries before being purchased by multinational electronics ...



about procedures which relevant commercial organisations can put into place to prevent persons associated with them from bribing

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Guidance

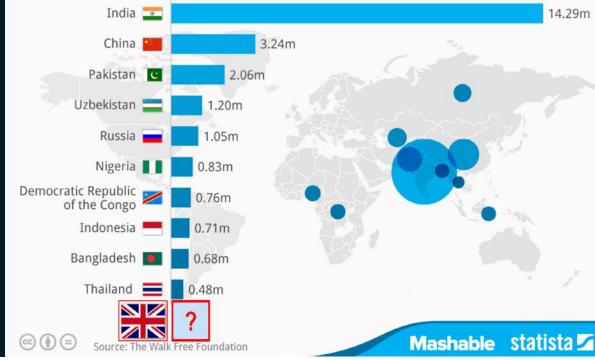


# Lets talk human rights abuse – where does it happen?



#### Modern Slavery: Global Distribution and Scale

Countries with the largest estimated number of people living in modern slavery (2014)



#### ILO Estimate 21M+ victims globally (\$150Bn); 90% in Private Business, 13,000 in UK

## Human rights – enforced labour

- Applicable to Aerospace, Defence & Security
  - Slavery/trafficking can be present in any organisation & its supply chain (often at Tier 2 or below where interactions less clear and harder to monitor)
  - Constant drive to cut prices can increase risk of slavery in supply chains
  - BEN Sub-Group formed in 2016 focused on Salient Human Rights issues for ADS
- The Law UK Modern Slavery Act 2015
  - Businesses required to demonstrate efforts to combat slavery in their organisations & supply chains
  - Annual Company Statement Required (If doing Business in UK & T/O >£36M)
    - prominent place on company website
    - Includes anti-slavery policies, due diligence, supply chains, risk assessment and management and employee training measures.

Statement may not be enough: often generic, non-compliant and insufficient enforcement

## Human Rights – conflict minerals

(3TG: Tin, Tungsten, Tantalum and Gold)

- US Dodd-Frank Act (2010) must disclose use of 3TG in supply chains and whether from Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) or covered countries annually to US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)
- EU Conflict Minerals Regulation use of 3TG in <u>all conflict areas</u> (not just DRC) by raw materials and component providers/importers





Free MS-Excel standardized Conflict Minerals Reporting Template (CMRT) developed by the Responsible Minerals Initiative

## Human rights - red flags

### If key suppliers or customers are in high risk countries

- Restricted movement: victims kept against their will & unable to escape
- **Overtime**: little/no breaks just to make minimum wage
- **Recruitment fees/loans:** charged to work; high living costs deducted from wages
- **Documents:** withheld by employers so workers cannot leave
- **Payment:** in cash vs a documented system showing rates, hours worked, taxes etc
- Workers Subcontracted: throughout supply chain, increased risk of exploitation
- No complaints procedure: workers unable to raise grievances/protect their rights
- Living conditions: living together on site or in poor employer accommodation
- Slave behaviour: fearful of retaliation, prevented from speaking, limited posessions

Don't rely on audits; suppliers can hide evidence of enforced labour/slavery

## What must you do?

Ensure awareness & training in your organisation & supply chain on Human Rights issues

Conduct a <u>risk assessment</u>: ask questions about your organisation, suppliers & clients:

- Where do we procure our office supplies and equipment?
- How extensive is our supply chain for everything we purchase?
- Where do our suppliers source their products?
- Where are the products manufactured and with what raw materials?
- In what types of industries do our clients do business and where?
- How do we employ and recruit local suppliers like cleaning staff. If through an agency, how are they recruited and treated?

The less information a supplier divulges about itself, the greater the risk of slavery

## So what's changed in 2018?

- Public attitudes to ethics worldwide communication is global
- Impact of media e.g. Panama Papers corruption no longer secret not if but when! "it's too late when the allegation hits the media!"
- New laws with corporate liability offences combined with greater international enforcement cooperation
- Companies really need to know with whom and how they are doing business (so do your bankers!) – proper due diligence
- Higher demands for evidence of anti-bribery in particular "adequate procedures to prevent" - new ISO 37001 standard – Singapore, Peru, Walmart, Microsoft, Alstom and others
- Cost of abc and human rights compliance fraction of cost of loss of IP, data or a criminal allegation
- Good anti-bribery and human rights compliance your company's sustainability





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