

RJ Power is committed to the highest standards of ethical conduct and integrity in its business activities in the UK and overseas. This policy outlines the organisation's position on preventing and prohibiting bribery, in accordance with the Bribery Act 2010. The organisation will not tolerate any form of bribery by, or of, its employees, agents or consultants or any person or body acting on its behalf. Senior management is committed to implementing effective measures to prevent, monitor and eliminate bribery.

This policy applies to all employees and officers of the organisation, and to temporary workers, consultants, contractors, agents, and subsidiaries acting for, or on behalf of, the organisation ("associated persons") within the UK and overseas. Every employee and associated person acting for, or on behalf of, the organisation is responsible for maintaining the highest standards of business conduct. Any breach of this policy is likely to constitute a serious disciplinary, contractual, and criminal matter for the individual concerned and may cause severe damage to the reputation and standing of the organisation.

The organisation may also face criminal liability for unlawful actions taken by its employees or associated persons under the Bribery Act 2010. All employees and associated persons are required to familiarise themselves and comply with this policy, including any future updates that may be issued from time to time by the organisation.

This policy covers:

- The principal areas of liability under the Bribery Act 2010,
- The responsibilities of employees and associated persons acting for, or on behalf of, the organisation, and
- The consequences of any breaches of this policy.

Bribery Act 2010

The organisation is committed to complying with the Bribery Act 2010 in its business activities in the UK and overseas.

Under the Bribery Act 2010, a bribe is a financial or other type of advantage that is offered or requested with the:

- Intention of inducing or rewarding improper performance of a function or activity, or
- Knowledge or belief that accepting such a reward would constitute the improper performance of such a function or activity,
- A relevant function or activity includes public, state or business activities or any activity performed during a person's employment, or on behalf of another organisation or individual, where the person performing that activity is expected to perform it in good faith, impartially, or in accordance with a position of trust.

A criminal offence will be committed under the Bribery Act 2010 if:

- An employee or associated person acting for, or on behalf of, the organisation offers, promises, gives, requests, receives or agrees to receive bribes, or
- An employee or associated person acting for, or on behalf of, the organisation offers, promises, or gives a bribe to a foreign public official with the intention of influencing that official in the performance of their duties (where local law does not permit or require such influence), and
- The organisation does not have the defence that it has adequate procedures in place to prevent bribery by its employees or associated persons.

All employees and associated persons are required to comply with this policy, in accordance with the Bribery Act 2010.

What is prohibited?

The organisation prohibits employees or associated persons from offering, promising, giving, soliciting, or accepting any bribe. The bribe might be cash, a gift or other inducement to, or from, any person or organisation, whether a public or government official, official of a state-controlled industry, political party or a private person or organisation, regardless of whether the employee or associated person is situated in the UK or overseas.

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The bribe might be made to ensure that a person or organisation improperly performs duties or functions (for example, by not acting impartially or in good faith or in accordance with their position of trust) to gain any commercial, contractual, or regulatory advantage for the organisation in either obtaining or maintaining organisation business, or to gain any personal advantage, financial or otherwise, for the individual or anyone connected with the individual.

This prohibition also applies to indirect contributions, payments or gifts made in any manner as an inducement or reward for improper performance, for example through consultants, contractors or sub-contractors, agents or sub-agents, sponsors or sub-sponsors, joint-venture partners, advisors, customers, suppliers or other third parties.

Records

Employees and, where applicable, associated persons, are required to take particular care to ensure that all organisation records are accurately maintained in relation to any contracts or business activities, including financial invoices and all payment transactions with clients, suppliers, and public officials.

Due diligence should be undertaken by employees and associated persons prior to entering into any contract, arrangement, or relationship with a potential supplier of services, agent, consultant or representative.

Employees and associated persons are required to keep accurate, detailed, and up-to-date records of all corporate hospitality, entertainment or gifts accepted or offered.

Facilitation payments

RJ Power prohibits its employees or associated persons from making or accepting any facilitation payments.

These are payments made to government officials for conducting or speeding up routine procedures. They are more common overseas. Facilitation payments are distinct from an official, publicly available fast-track process.

Facilitation payments, or offers of such payments, will constitute a criminal offence by both the individual concerned and the organisation under the Bribery Act 2010, even where such payments are made or requested overseas.

Employees and associated persons are required to act with greater vigilance when dealing with government procedures overseas.

Corporate entertainment, gifts, hospitality, and promotional expenditure

The organisation permits corporate entertainment, gifts, hospitality, and promotional expenditure that is undertaken:

- For establishing or maintaining good business relationships,
- To improve the image and reputation of the organisation, or
- To present the organisation's (goods / services) effectively.

Provided that it is:

- Arranged in good faith, and
- Not offered, promised, or accepted to secure an advantage for the organisation or any of its employees or associated persons or to influence the impartiality of the recipient.

The organisation will authorise only reasonable, appropriate, and proportionate entertainment and promotional expenditure.

Employees will be required to evidence:

- The objective of the proposed client entertainment or expenditure,
- The identity of those who will be attending,
- The organisation that they represent, and
- Details and rationale of the proposed activity.

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The organisation will approve business entertainment proposals only if they demonstrate a clear business objective and are appropriate for the nature of the business relationship. The organisation will not approve business entertainment where it considers that a conflict of interest may arise or where it could be perceived that undue influence, or a particular business benefit was being sought (for example prior to a tendering exercise).

Any hospitality over the value of £100 or individual gift over the value of £50 received or offered from clients, public officials, suppliers, or other business contacts should be reported immediately to an RJ Power Director.

In certain circumstances, it may not be appropriate to retain such gifts or be provided with the entertainment and employees and associated persons may be asked to return the gifts to the sender or refuse the entertainment, for example where there could be a real or perceived conflict of interest. Small tokens of appreciation, such as flowers or a bottle of wine, may be retained by employees.

If an employee or associated person wishes to provide gifts to suppliers, clients or other business contacts, prior written approval from an RJ Power Director is required, together with details of the intended recipients, reasons for the gift and business objective. These will be authorised only in limited circumstances. Employees and, where applicable, associated persons must supply records and receipts, in accordance with the organisation's expenses policy.

Charitable and political donations

The organisation considers that charitable giving can form part of its wider commitment and responsibility to the community. The organisation supports a number of charities that are selected in accordance with objective criteria, following a risk assessment. The organisation may also support fundraising events involving employees.

The organisation does not make donations to any political parties.

What practices are permitted?

This policy does not prohibit:

- Normal and appropriate hospitality and entertainment with clients (please see the organisation's expenses policy), and
- The use of any recognised fast-track process that is publicly available on payment of a fee.

Any such practice must be proportionate, reasonable, and made in good faith. Clear records must be kept. The organisation will:

- Regularly monitor "at risk" employees and associated persons,
- Regularly communicate with "at risk" employees and associated persons,
- Undertake extensive due diligence of third parties and associated persons, and
- Communicate its zero-tolerance approach to bribery to third parties, including actual and prospective customers, suppliers, and joint-venture partners.

Reporting suspected bribery

The organisation depends on its employees and associated persons to ensure that the highest standards of ethical conduct are maintained in all its business dealings. Employees and associated persons are requested to assist the organisation and to remain vigilant in preventing, detecting, and reporting bribery.

Employees and associated persons are encouraged to report any concerns that they may have to the HR Team as soon as possible. Issues that should be reported include:

- Any suspected or actual attempts at bribery,
- Concerns that other employees or associated persons may be being bribed, or
- Concerns that other employees or associated persons may be bribing third parties, such as clients or government officials.

Employees or associated persons who report instances of bribery in good faith will be supported by the organisation. The organisation will ensure that the individual is not subjected to detrimental treatment because of their report.

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Any instances of detrimental treatment by a fellow employee because an employee has made a report will be treated as a disciplinary offence. An instruction to cover up wrongdoing is itself a disciplinary offence. If told not to raise or pursue any concern, even by a person in authority such as a manager, employees and associated persons should not agree to remain silent. They should report the matter to the HR Team.

When an individual reports suspected instances of bribery, the organisation will process any personal data collected in accordance with its data protection policy. Data collected from the point at which the individual makes the report is held securely and accessed by, and disclosed to, individuals only for the purposes of dealing with the report of bribery.

Action by the organisation

The organisation will fully investigate any instances of alleged or suspected bribery. Employees suspected of bribery may be suspended from their duties while the investigation is being conducted. The organisation will invoke its disciplinary procedures where any employee is suspected of bribery, and proven allegations may result in a finding of gross misconduct and immediate dismissal. The organisation may terminate the contracts of any associated persons, including consultants or other workers who act for, or on behalf of, the organisation who are found to have breached this policy.

The organisation may also report any matter to the relevant authorities, including the Director of Public Prosecutions, Serious Fraud Office, Revenue and Customs Prosecutions Office and the police. The organisation will provide all necessary assistance to the relevant authorities in any subsequent prosecution.

Review of procedures and training

The organisation will regularly communicate its anti-bribery measures to employees and associated persons and will set up training sessions where applicable.

All employees and others working for RJ Power are required to comply with this policy to ensure they co-operate and conduct activities in a responsible manner.

It is the responsibility of RJ Power management and supervisory staff to ensure that this policy and its arrangements are implemented.

This policy will be reviewed annually and revised as often as may be deemed appropriate by RJ Power and then communicated and explained to all employees and sub-contractors.

This policy is available to the public and all other interested parties on request.

Accepted for Issue By:



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