

Trade Aid Importers: 2017 Social Audit Statement

The Social Audit Panel has examined the draft Social Accounts submitted to us and discussed them in detail with Jacqui Benter-Lynch, Vi Cottrell, Pene Ferguson, Lyn Jackson, Mike Lyn, Miranda Matthew, Michelia Miles, and Geoff White of Trade Aid Importers Ltd (TAI) at the Social Audit Panel Meeting held on 4 September, 2017.

On behalf of the Panel, I have examined the revised Social Accounts which were prepared following the Social Audit Panel meeting, and which have taken into account various points identified in the notes and checklist of the Social Audit Panel meeting¹. I have also examined a sample of data and the sources of information on which the Social Accounts have been based.

We believe the process outlined above has given us sufficient information on which to base our opinion.

We are satisfied that, given the scope of the social accounting explained in this report and given the limitations of time available to us, the Social Accounts are free from material misstatement and present a fair and balanced view of the performance and impact of TAI as measured against its stated values, social, environmental and economic objectives and the views of stakeholders who were consulted.

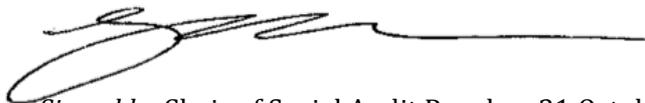
In the notes of the Social Audit Panel meeting we identified a number of issues to be taken into consideration during the next social audit cycle. In particular we would refer to the following:

1. Ensure, over time, feedback is sought and incorporated from the full range of key stakeholders, and on the values of TAI, including environmental sustainability and commitment to Tiriti o Waitangi; and
2. As resources allow, increase sample sizes to ensure more reliable results.

We note plans to make greater use of its 'new style' social accounts with on-going learning, improvement and planning for TAI.

The members of the Social Audit Panel, who all acted in an individual capacity, were:

- Jane Higgins, The Collaborative Trust
- Garth Nowland-Foreman, LEaD (Panel Chair)
- Richard Tankersley, Matariki Services



Signed by Chair of Social Audit Panel on 31 October 2017.

¹ Notes and Checklist of the Social Audit Panel meeting form part of the Social Accounting and Auditing process and may, by arrangement, be inspected at the offices of Trade Aid Importers at 174 Gayhurst Road, Otautahi Christchurch, Aotearoa New Zealand.