

2023 Forced Labor in Canadian Supply Chain Report

Generac Power Systems Inc. & ECOBEE Technology ULC

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Joint Report

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ECOBEE Technology ULC - Canadian business presence, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

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Sector / Industry

Generac Power Systems - ECOBEE
Manufacturing; Power Generation; Technology.

Requirement (a) – Structure, activities, and supply chains

Corporate Ownership Structure:



Company Overview:

GENERAC

[Generac Power Systems, Inc.](#) is a leading global energy technology company, offering advanced power grid software solutions, backup and prime power systems for home, commercial, and industrial (C&I) applications, solar + battery storage solutions, energy management devices and controls virtual power plant platforms, and engine- and battery-powered tools and equipment. Established in 1959 and publicly traded since 2010, Generac revolutionized the industry by introducing the first affordable home standby generator category. Generac is committed to providing resilient, efficient, and sustainable energy solutions. Given the current electrical grid's limitations, Generac is accelerating the transition to a more distributed and sustainable approach for tomorrow's energy needs.

Ecobee

ecobee Inc. was founded in 2007 with a mission to improve everyday life while creating a more sustainable world. Since launching the world's first smart thermostat in 2009, ecobee has helped customers across North America save over 28 TWh of energy, which is the equivalent of taking all the homes in Los Angeles and Chicago off the grid for a year. Today, ecobee continues to innovate with smart home solutions that solve everyday problems with comfort, security, and conservation in mind. With ecobee's devices and services, including the Smart Security System and the award-winning Smart Thermostat Premium, ecobee continues to encourage Smart Owners to re-imagine what home could be. In 2021, ecobee joined [Generac Holdings Inc.](#), a leading global designer and manufacturer of energy technology solutions and other power products. Generac and ecobee share a vision to create cleaner and more sustainable communities of the future with more resilient, efficient, and secure homes and businesses. For more information, visit ecobee.com.

Manufacturing

Generac & its subsidiaries operate numerous manufacturing plants, distribution facilities and inventory globally. Finished goods are stored at third-party logistics providers in the United States & Canada that accommodate material storage and the rapid response requirements of customers.

Suppliers of Raw Materials

Components and Equipment – Generac sources raw materials and finished goods from a global supply base. With Generac's growing emphasis on energy technology solutions, there is an increased importance given to advanced electronic components, microprocessors, and batteries within the supply chain. Suppliers are continuously evaluated on quality and cost-effectiveness, and the ability of the supplier to meet the demands of the business.

Requirement (b) – Policies and due diligence processes

Generac & its subsidiaries have established a Human Rights policy, which may be found on its website,

[Human Rights policy](#), prohibiting the use of forced labor or child labor:

- **Prohibition on Forced Labor & Child Labor:**

All individuals have the right to safe, fair, ethical, and humane working conditions, including no forced labor, compulsory labor, child labor, modern forms of slavery, bonded labor, and any form of human trafficking.

Generac also requires each of its suppliers to acknowledge and agree annually to its [Supplier Code of Conduct & Sustainable Procurement Policy](#).

Generac has an anonymous [Helpline](#) to raise concerns about unethical or improper behavior, including the use of forced labor or child labor in the manufacture of products, components, or raw materials, whether within Generac or its supply chain.

Requirement (c) – Forced labor and child labor risks

Strategic Global Sourcing – Risk Assessment

Generac conducts a risk assessment on new suppliers. Suppliers are requested to provide supporting documentation including, but not limited to: Responsible Business Alliance membership, SA8000 certification process, Human Rights and Labors rights and Ethics, Health & Safety practices, environmental practices, and what steps the supplier takes to confirm these policies and practices are implemented in their own supply chains. As appropriate, Generac conducts further assessment based upon the supplier's responses to Generac's risk assessment.

DPS – Denied Party Screening Program

Generac uses a **Denied Party Screening** program that screens business partners against more than 300 sanctioned entity lists issued by 53 different countries. The DPS program utilizes an automated tool that connects with Generac's ERP system and conducts the screening behind the scenes when business transactions are conducted within the system. The system screens for every client, vendor, third party service provider.

Some of the most important denied party lists we screen against in the US include:

- **UFLPA - Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act**
- **OFAC - Office of Foreign Assets Control**
- **BIS - Bureau of Industry and Security list**

Generac's Trade Compliance department monitors and oversees denied party screening activities. Each operating entity within Generac also has a designated user that has been trained in sanctions, screening process and escalation process. When the user confirms a potential flagged partner, additional data will be collected to confirm the match between the sanctioned entity and the partner: (ex. date and place of birth). If the match is substantial, Generac will not proceed with the transaction and the entity will be blocked in our ERP system. A dedicated intranet website page has been created and updated regularly by the Trade Compliance team.

News about new sanctions and new entities added to sanctions list are shared within the relevant departments. Reverse search is also regularly implemented, by searching the sanctions entities name in our partner database for any potential match. Any potential match has been reviewed, blocked, or approved by the Trade Compliance department and Legal Counsel.

Requirement (d) – Remediation measures

If forced labor is discovered within Generac's supply chain, immediate action will be taken to investigate the situation thoroughly, remove the affected individuals from harm, and collaborate with relevant authorities and stakeholders to address the issue effectively. This may include terminating relationships with suppliers involved, implementing corrective measures to prevent recurrence, providing support to affected workers, and reinforcing our commitment to ethical sourcing practices through enhanced monitoring and transparency measures.

Requirement (e) – Remediation of loss of income

Forced labor has not been identified within Generac's supply chain, and therefore no action has been necessary to remediate loss of income for any families in 2023. Generac remains committed to upholding ethical sourcing practices and will continue to diligently monitor and assess its supply chain to ensure compliance with its standards of integrity, respect for human rights, and responsible business conduct.

Requirement (f) – Training

DPS – Denied Party Screening

Each new designated individual at Generac with responsibility for denied party screening receives training on forced labor sanction list, on the screening tool, on the additional international sanctions and on penalties for non-compliance. The user activity is monitored monthly to ensure the screening activity is conducted regularly and if necessary, additional support and training is provided. Generac developed metrics and KPIs (key performance indicators) to monitor the screening activity and the risk level of each division. During the training, the users are instructed to pay special attention to any partner located or doing business in Xinjiang region of China, which is often identified as a potential location where forced labor might be used.

Requirement (g) – Assessing effectiveness

As described above, Generac employs due diligence and risk assessments to evaluate all new suppliers for potential compliance risks, including forced labor. On an annual basis, Generac requires all suppliers to certify compliance with its Supplier Code of Conduct & Sustainable Procurement Policy, which explicitly prohibits the use of forced labor in any form. This code outlines Generac's expectations regarding fair labor practices, human rights, and ethical business conduct. Suppliers are required to sign agreements acknowledging their understanding and acceptance of these principles before any collaboration begins.

Furthermore, we prioritize partnerships with suppliers who demonstrate a commitment to ethical labor practices through certifications. These certifications provide independent verification of a supplier's compliance with international labor standards and help ensure transparency and accountability throughout the supply chain. Through our investigations and audits conducted within our supply chain in 2023 we have not identified any forced labor practices. Regular monitoring and auditing are integral components of our approach to preventing forced labor in our supply chain. We conduct periodic audits to assess compliance with our Supplier Code of Conduct and investigate any reports or suspicions of unethical labor practices promptly.

SIGNATURE

In accordance with the requirements of the Act, and in particular section 11 thereof, I attest that I have reviewed the information contained in the report for the entity or entities listed above. Based on my knowledge, and having exercised reasonable diligence, I attest that the information in the report is true, accurate and complete in all material respects for the purposes of the Act, for the reporting year listed above.



Brian Cothroll

Vice President & Deputy General Counsel

5/24/2024

I have the authority to bind GENERAC Power Systems Inc.



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VP, Supply Chain & Operations

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I have the authority to bind ECOBEE Technology ULC.