

# NORSE ATLANTIC ASA TRANSPARENCY ACT REPORT

#### 1 ABOUT THIS REPORT

This report has been prepared in accordance with section 5 of the Norwegian Transparency Act and summarizes the approach taken by Norse Atlantic ASA (the "Parent") and its wholly owned subsidiaries (together referred to as "Norse" or "the Group") to identify and assess actual and potential adverse impacts to fundamental human rights and decent working conditions in our own operations, supply chain or business partners.

Both the Parent and the wholly owned subsidiary Norse Atlantic Airways AS individually fulfill the thresholds for being subject to the Transparency Act. This report thus covers the reporting obligations of the Parent and Norse Atlantic Airways AS, in satisfaction of their obligations to publish an account under section 5 of the Transparency Act.

Norse publishes its annual accounts in English, and this report is therefore also in English.

This report covers the period 18 June 2024 – 27 June 2025 (the "Reporting Period").

# 2 POLICY STATEMENT

Norse is committed to being a good corporate citizen. We will lead by example, operating in accordance with responsible, ethical, sustainable and sound business principles, with respect for people, the environment and society.

At Norse we continuously assess and take measures to mitigate the human rights risks in our operations, as well as in our supply chain and amongst our business partners, in accordance with the OECD Global Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

Norse respects and promote fundamental human rights and decent working conditions (referred to as "human rights and working conditions" in the following). This includes internationally recognized human rights that are enshrined, among other places, in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of 1966, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights of 1966 and the ILO's core conventions on fundamental principles and rights at work, as well work that safeguards health, safety and environment in the workplace, and that provides a living wage.

# 3 ABOUT NORSE

## 3.1 Company structure

Norse Atlantic ASA (Norway) is a holding company and the parent company of the Norse group of companies comprising Norse Atlantic ASA and its underlying subsidiaries. In addition to owning the subsidiaries, the Parent enters aircraft leases with external lessors and subleases the aircraft to its subsidiaries. The Parent is listed on Euronext Expand Oslo at Stock Exchange.

Norse Atlantic Airways AS (Norway) is an operational company that holds permits and certificates for Norwegian and EU operations, being referred to as an air operator's certificate ("AOC"), granted by the Norwegian civil aviation authority ("CAA"). In addition to operating commercial flights, including selling tickets, it employs management and staff (cabin crew and pilots), in total 304 employees (exclusive of subsidiary and branches). Norse Atlantic Airways AS has a US and French branch. The French branch employs management and staff, in total 140 employees. Norse Atlantic Greece S.A.



(GR) is a subsidiary of Norse Atlantic Airways AS, holding cabin crew and pilots in the total number of 116 employees.

Norse Atlantic US Holding AS (Norway) is a holding company that holds shares in Norse Atlantic USA LLC (US), which is an administrative company employing 13 employees. Norse Atlantic Airways US LLC (US) is a crewing company with a total of 211 employees.

Norse Atlantic UK Ltd. (UK) is an operational company that holds permits and certificates (AOC) for UK operations, such as granted by the UK civil aviation authority (CAA). The company operates commercial flights, including selling tickets, and it employs management and staff (cabin crew and pilots), with a total of 360 employees. Norse Atlantic UK Ltd. has a US branch with no employees.

*Norse Atlantic Airways Latvia SIA* (LV) is a company holding office-based personnel in administrative functions as well as in operative functions supporting the operations of the group's two airlines. The company has 64 employees.

In addition to the above, to ensure sufficient capacity for the peak of the 2025 summer season, Norse has made temporary employment of 123 cabin crew members across Norway, France and the UK for various timeframes within the period from 1 June 2025 to 31 October 2025. Employment and contracts are established in compliance with the respective applicable local legal requirements, such as the Norwegian Working Environment Act's paragraph 14-9 being applicable to temporary employment in Norway.

Please see our Annual report 2024, available <u>here</u> for further information about Norse. All numbers of employees are per 31 May 2025.

## 3.2 Operations

Norse was set up in 2021 to become the leading low-cost, long-haul airline, with a particular focus on the transatlantic market. Norse commenced its operations 14 June 2022. Norse's business model is to fly non-stop, direct flights in major markets, reducing complexity and overheads, and thus costs.

Norse's headquarters is located in Arendal, Norway. Norse has crew bases and/or offices in Miami (USA), New York (USA), Paris (France), Riga (Latvia) and London Gatwick (UK), as well as an aircraft maintenance satellite at Oslo Gardermoen (Norway).

Norse holds an ultra-modern and uniform fleet of 12 Boeing 787 Dreamliners, the most environmentally friendly and cost-effective aircraft in class.

Norse has developed a dual strategy, whereas going forward, approximately half the fleet will be occupied flying charters/ACMI<sup>1</sup>, with the remaining capacity being utilized flying passengers in own scheduled network.

In its own network, Norse currently flies to destinations in Europe and in the US, as well as to Cape Town and Bangkok. Norse's primary market is leisure travelers, but Norse has also become popular among business travelers.

Going forward, charter/ACMI operations mainly will be for the Indian airline IndiGo, whereas some additional activity also will take place during the winter season on behalf of cruise lines, for other airlines and more. During the reporting period, only one aircraft was engaged with IndiGo over a few

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> ACMI: Service including the provision of Aircraft, Crew, Maintenance and Insurance



months. Furthermore, transporting cargo is an important element of Norse revenue mix. Norse also offers aircraft maintenance services to other airlines at Oslo Gardermoen.

As a main rule, employees are directly employed by Norse, and we encourage union representation as we believe that contributes to a fruitful employee-employer relationship. Our workforce is well diversified in terms of geographic origin, gender and ethnicity.

# 3.3 Supply chains and business partners

Norse works with numerous suppliers and business partners worldwide. Norse's key supply chains can be categorized in the following main categories:

- Aircraft leases including main components
- Aircraft maintenance services
- Fuel
- Ground handling including catering and luggage services
- Airport and air traffic services
- Cargo operations
- Payment services, software and ticketing

Norse's first tier suppliers are located mainly in Europe and USA. Norse also engages suppliers in other locations when required by the operations, such as for the delivery of airport services when flying to locations like Bangkok. The same key supply chains as for Norse in general are also relevant for Norse Atlantic Airways AS specifically.

Norse's business partners include providers of travel services, accommodation, advertising/marketing, office space, office supplies, facility management, IT services and software and financial and advisory services. Our most relevant business partners are located primarily where our offices and operations are carried out, i.e. in Norway, UK, France, and the US.

## 4 NORSE'S APPROACH TO PREVENTING ADVERSE IMPACTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

#### 4.1 Policies and procedures

Policies and procedures to ensure respect for human rights and working conditions

Norse has in place several policies and procedures in order to ensure respect for human rights and working conditions.

Our overall commitment to respect human rights and working conditions is anchored in our *Code of Conduct*, which has been approved by the Board of Directors of Norse Atlantic ASA.

As specified in our Code of Conduct, we prioritize the safety and security of our passengers, crew members, colleagues and assets, always adhering to strict safety standards and industry best practices. We also specify Norse's commitment to respect human rights and working conditions, including that we oppose all forms of slavery, forced labour, human trafficking, child labour and violations of human rights in our operations, in our supply chain and amongst our business partners. Further, at Norse we have a zero tolerance policy for discrimination and harassment, as set out in the Code of Conduct.

Norse expects our suppliers and business partners to abide by the same or similar principles in their own operations as those outlined in the Code of Conduct. We have also adopted a *Supplier Code of* 



Conduct which further specifies our expectations to our suppliers and business partners, including in particular relating to human rights and working conditions. Norse expects that the Supplier Code of Conduct is communicated to our third parties' employees and sub-suppliers involved in delivering a service or supplies to Norse.

Under the Supplier Code of Conduct, suppliers and business partners are also required to establish internal mechanisms to monitor and ensure compliance with the Supplier Code of Conduct. The third party shall encourage their employees to report behaviour that is contrary to the Supplier Code of Conduct or similar standards. Non-compliance with the Supplier Code of Conduct may, as a final consequence, result in termination of the supplier or business partner's contract with Norse, although Norse will strive to engage in dialogue with the relevant third party in order to improve any relevant concern.

In relation to the Transparency Act specifically, Norse has established and continues to develop procedures to ensure that Norse upholds its obligations to respect fundamental human rights and decent working conditions, and complies with the Transparency Act. The aim for such procedures is to set out the responsibilities, processes and measures to ensure adherence to the Transparency Act including how to handle information requests under the Transparency Act. Compliance with the Transparency Act is a top-level commitment, and the board of directors therefore has the overall responsibility to oversee Norse's compliance with the Transparency Act.

As safety is a primary focus for an airline, Norse also has in place health and safety procedures as required by all applicable laws and regulations. Holding permits to operate aircraft for commercial purposes through an AOC comes with extensive requirements on how the activities of the operation should be organised and managed. This also includes extensive requirements in relation to safety, security, working hours and more aspects that contribute to secure decent working conditions for the employees of the Group and of suppliers directly involved in the aircraft operations.

In Norway, Norse has established a Working Environment Committee ("WEC") having representatives from the employer and from the employees, seeking jointly to implement a proper working environment. A similar organ of employer-employee cooperation on working environment is established in France. All airborne personnel of the Group are subject to, or in the process of having, collective bargaining agreements ("CBA"), and there is a wide-spread dialogue and cooperation with the unions, seeking to ensure decent working conditions for the Group's employees.

#### Reporting concerns

At Norse we encourage everyone working for or on behalf of Norse to ask questions and raise concerns of any misconduct related to our business operations that should be prevented or corrected.

This includes concerns relating to a violation of law or other reprehensible conduct, conduct contrary to the Code of Conduct or other internal policies or procedures, and/or conduct contrary to ethical norms that are widely accepted in society, for example dangers to life and health, unsafe working environment, or personal data breach.

As part of our safety regulations, our reporting system also includes health, safety and sub-optimal working conditions.

# 4.2 Assessment of actual and potential impacts on human rights and decent working conditions

# 4.2.1 Approach, methodology and key findings



Norse carries out human rights due diligence in accordance with the Transparency Act and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, covering all group entities. The purpose is to identify and assess actual and potential adverse impacts on fundamental human rights and decent working conditions that Norse has either caused or contributed towards, or that are directly linked to Norse's operations, products or services via the supply chain or business partners, and to mitigate and remedy any such adverse impacts and relevant risks.

The inherent risks of adverse human and labor rights impacts in the airline industry forms the backdrop to Norse's own assessment.

Norse for this reporting period has updated its broad scoping exercise to identify all our business areas across our operations and relationships, including in our supply chains and amongst our business partners, where human rights risks are most likely to be present and where the risks are most significant. With emphasis on changes during the reporting period, we have also done an indepth assessment of our key suppliers and business partners, identifying key risk areas including most prevalent human rights risks.

On an accumulated basis, Norse has identified the following areas of human rights and working conditions that should be prioritized, taking into account the highest severity and likelihood of a potential adverse impact on people:

- (i) Right to health and safety
- (ii) Decent working conditions, including right to rest and limits to overtime
- (iii) Human trafficking
- (iv) Principles of freedom of association and collective bargaining
- (v) Freedom from discrimination

The most significant risks identified in Norse relates to the following supply chains: Ground handling, cleaning services, maintenance services, catering, and accommodations. We also recognize that there are medium inherent risks in our operations relating to working conditions for own employees (in particular cabin crew, pilots and maintenance and engineering personnel) as well as general risks for external stakeholders, as further specified below. These risks are relevant for Norse generally, as well as for Norse Atlantic Airways AS specifically.

4.2.2 Outcome of assessment of actual and potential adverse impacts in Norse's own operations

# **Employees**

Norse has considered whether there has been any actual adverse impacts on human rights in our own operations for our employees. In the reporting period Norse has only recorded minor injuries, and has recorded no significant injuries or other adverse impacts on human rights and working conditions have been reported or detected.

In relation to potential adverse impacts on human rights and working conditions for employees, the risks vary somewhat depending on group of employees. The risks are most prevalent for airborne personnel and maintenance engineers. For our airborne personnel, as in the aviation industry in general, discrimination and harassment (particularly from passengers) is a known risk, so is violence from passengers, as well as general safety issues related to flying an airplane. Further, airborne personnel are exposed to mental health risks relating to stress, physical confinement as well as unruly passengers. In the industry as such there are also general risks of being exploited in terms of not



receiving decent pay and not having decent working hours. However, such risks are carefully managed in Norse (see section 5 below).

As for Norse's maintenance engineers, they are exposed to amongst others the risk of physical hazards relating to work with large, moving machines as well as work in cold weather during winter.

The risk for potential adverse impacts on human rights and working conditions for own employees is generally considered medium risk. Due to these inherent risks, Norse has an unwavering focus on providing decent working conditions and maintaining high health and safety standards, as further addressed in section 5 below.

These risks are relevant in Norse generally, as well as for Norse Atlantic Airways AS specifically.

## Operations and effect on external stakeholders

Norse has not identified any actual adverse impacts on human rights as a result of our own operations on external stakeholders.

As in the aviation industry in general, there are however general, significant risks embedded in Norse's operations relating to:

- (i) Safety on aircraft/flights,
- (ii) use of force against unruly passengers,
- (iii) use of airplanes for human trafficking purposes, and
- (iv) pollution and climate change, and related impact on human rights.

These risks are relevant for Norse generally, as well as for Norse Atlantic Airways AS specifically.

4.2.3 Outcome of assessment of actual and potential adverse impacts in Norse's suppliers and business relationships

Norse has considered whether there has been any actual adverse impacts on human rights in our supply chain or business partner relationships. Norse during the Reporting Period has not identified actual adverse impacts in our supply chains. However, we remain cognizant that due to the significant risks (as described below) there are likely to be actual adverse impacts which we will strive to uncover and address in our future due diligence efforts (see also section 6 on our priorities for the next reporting period).

Norse has identified several supply chains that are generally considered to be represent significant risk. More concretely, we consider the following Norse supply chains to be moderate to high risk: (1) Ground handling, (2) Cleaning services, (3) Maintenance services, (4) Catering, and (5) Accommodations.

The generic risks in these supply chains generally include, amongst others, poor working conditions, migrant workers, lack of secure employment, low-salaried/low-skilled work, illegal overtime and lack of rest days, and discrimination. However, risk level varies depending on e.g. geographical factors and supplier-specific factors. For example, the risks are more prevalent in geographies which in general have lower scores on relevant global indexes for protection of human and worker's rights, such as the US (according to amongst others the Global Rights Index), and less prevalent in Northern European countries.

These supply chain risks are relevant in Norse generally, as well as for Norse Atlantic Airways AS specifically.



In terms of business partners, our assessment has so far not identified actual adverse impacts or significant risks connected with any of our business partner relationships. In particular as relates to Norse Atlantic Airways AS, we consider the risk level generally to be somewhat lower than in Norse companies in other jurisdictions as most of Norse Atlantic Airways AS' business partners are located in Norway which in general is consider low risk from a geographical perspective.

#### 5 MITIGATING ACTIONS AND TRACKING PROGRESS

## 5.1 Mitigating actions

Norse has undertaken specific actions to prevent and/or mitigate risks as referred to in the previous section. The overall intention and expected result of these measures are to mitigate the adverse impacts on humans as identified through our human rights due diligence described above.

A key priority for Norse is creating and maintaining a safe and healthy workplace for persons on our aircraft, including personnel and passengers. Norse has in place strict safety measures for cabin crew, engineers and pilots. Safety training is part of onboarding, and compliance with flight time / overtime hours are strictly monitored. Employee surveys and comprehensive reporting measures are in place to identify working conditions or incidents which could negatively affect physical working environment or mental health.

The general risks relating to airborne personnel not receiving decent pay and not having decent working hours, is managed in Norse by striving to pursue high ethical standards, including offering decent pay and providing decent working conditions as such. Norse has also been proactive in terms of cooperating with unions and has entered into union agreements.

As regards our employment processes, we use a structured and auditable recruitment system in order to ensure and document fair employment processes

Norse has further conducted audits of high-risk suppliers, which amongst others consider the general working conditions at the supplier's premises.

In recognition of the fact that aviation represents about 2 percent of global emission, we will contribute to reducing our carbon impact while sustaining and creating jobs and economic growth. A modern fleet of Boeing 787 Dreamliners, optimizing fuel-efficiency as well as carbon offsets will contribute to reducing our overall carbon footprint. Norse will use sustainable aviation fuels when it becomes available at commercially sustainable volumes and prices. We also support legislation that provides incentives and funding for climate change, including sustainable aviation fuels.

# 5.2 Tracking progress

For the Reporting Period, the following activities and progress should be highlighted:

- The Norse compliance team has performed audits of all operational areas of the group's two
  airlines, as well as of all external suppliers within maintenance, ground handling, engineering
  and flight operations. Such audits look after there being adequate compliance with regulation
  and procedures in several areas, and also including areas such as safety, working hours and
  general working conditions
- As new destinations have been planned for, Norse has done careful due diligence processes including site visits to ensure that operations can be established under satisfying conditions, including but not limited to safety and security. Furthermore also that local suppliers are selected in compliance with legal requirements and Norse's duty to care. Accommodations for own staff have been carefully examined and selected in a process amongst other involving Norse's security staff and the employee unions



- During the reporting period, the Norse Atlantic ASA Board of Directors is extended, giving space to three employee representatives being elected by and among the Norse Atlantic Airways AS employees, ensuring that the voice of the Group's employees are directly represented in the board room
- For the reporting period of 2024, Norse for the first time has reported under the Corporate Social Responsibility Directive (CSRD), driving a furtherly increased attention towards impact on human rights and decent workings conditions within our own organization, as well as across our supply chains, and also adding further detail and transparency to the Company's reporting on such matters to the outer world. Please refer to the Company's 2024 Annual Report such as available here for further details on the CSRD reporting

#### 6 PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

Taking into account that human rights issues may change over time, Norse will regularly review our human rights due diligence assessment going forward.

Norse will continue on conducting more in-depth assessments of its operations and, in particular, selected supply chains that so far have been identified as higher risk.

In addition, and in order to further continue improving the Norse's practices in the coming year, Norse will:

- Work to further strengthen and align activities associated with the Transparency Act with the Company's work under the Corporate Social Responsibility Directive (CSRD)
- Norse will continue its work to embed expectations and guidelines under the Supplier Code of Conduct in communications and contracts with major suppliers
- On a general basis continue to anchor human rights due diligence within the operations
- Continue to strengthen supplier audit routines, including incorporating further controls relating to human rights and working conditions
- Continue to develop tools and practices in the aim of performing relevant and targeted risk assessments of potential new suppliers and business partners

## 7 REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Requests for information regarding this Transparency Act Report or Norse's human rights due diligence policies and practices at large can be made to <a href="mailto:transparency@flynorse.com">transparency@flynorse.com</a>.



# 8 SIGNATURES

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