Attestation Form

Prepared in accordance with Bill S211, Section 11.1 – Supply Chain Accountability Act now formally known as 'The Fighting Against Force Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act'

To: The Board of Sault Area Hospital (the "Board")

From: Ila Watson

President and CEO – Sault Area Hospital

Date: May 25, 2025

Re: April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 ("the Applicable Period")

Prelude:

The Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act (the "Act") imposes obligation on certain government institutions and private-sector entities to report on measures taken to prevent and reduce the risk that forced labour or child labour is used by them or in their supply chains.

This enactment also amends the Customs Tariff to allow for a prohibition on the importation of goods manufactured or produced, in whole or in part, by forced labour or child labour as those terms are defined in the Act.

This report outlines steps taken by Sault Area Hospital (SAH) to demonstrate compliance with the Act.

Entity Information:

Reporting Entity's Legal Name:	Sault Area Hospital
Financial Reporting year:	2025-2026
Identification of a Joint Report:	Not Applicable
Identification of a Revised Report:	Not Applicable
Identification of Reporting Obligations in other Jurisdictions:	Not Applicable
Entity Categorization According to the Act:	Entity
Sector/Industry:	Health Care and Social Assistance
Location:	Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada

Description of the steps taken to prevent and reduce risks of forced labour and child labour, as per subsection 11(1):

> Subsection 11(1) provides that an entity must describe the steps it has taken during the previous financial year to prevent and reduce the risk that forced labour or child labour is used at any step of the production of goods in Canada or elsewhere by the entity or of goods imported into Canada by the entity.

On behalf of the Sault Area Hospital (the Hospital) I attest to:

Supplementary information addressing each of the seven requirements in subsection 11(3).

As per subsection 11(3), an entity must provide information on each of the following:

a) Its structure, activities and supply chains

SAH is a non-profit corporation proving health care services primarily to Sault Ste. Marie and surrounding area. SAH falls within the prescribed definition of a reporting Entity under the Act.

In order to provide health care services, SAH purchases a broad array or goods and services from both Canada and around the world. For the most part, SAH is not the importer of goods that come from outside Canada as we leverage shared service organization (SSO) contracts for a significant amount of our purchases.

Goods and services include, but are not limited to: professional services, medical supplies, medical equipment, office supplies, software and hardware, and food products.

b) Its policies and its due diligence processes in relation to forced labour and child labour

In F2024/25 SAH amended its Procurement policy to include a provision to ensure that procurement processes are managed consistently and in alignment with applicable policies and legislation, which would include the Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act.

c) The parts of its business and supply chains that carry a risk of forced labour or child labour being used and the steps it has taken to assess and manage that risk

SAH has not yet carried out an assessment of procurements outside of shared service organization contracts. However; a report build is in progress and we will continue to work towards this initiative once complete to further assess risk. SAH has focused efforts on our membership SSO's and what steps they have undertaken to address Bill S211 as we leverage a significant amount of their goods and service procurements.

d) Any measures taken to remediate any forced labour or child labour

SAH updated both our RFP Proponent Attestation Form and Contract template with additional language related to preventing and reducing the risk of forced or child labour used by suppliers or in their supply chains.

As noted in c) above, SAH continues to seek compliance with the Act from our membership Shared Service Organizations (SSO's):

- Mohawk Medbuy Corporation (MMC)
- Ontario Education Collaborative Marketplace (OECM)
- HealthPro

e) **Any measures taken to remediate the loss of income to the most vulnerable families that results from any measure taken to eliminate the use of forced labour or child labour in its activities and supply chains**

SAH has not taken any remediation measures.

f) **The training provided to employees on forced labour and child labour**

SAH Procurement staff have all attended external Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act information sessions. SAH has also developed training materials and conducted training for our organization leadership team.

g) **How the entity assesses its effectiveness in ensuring that forced labour and child labour are not being used in its business and supply chains**

SAH does not have a mechanism to assess its effectiveness at this time, however; we endeavor to use our new RFP and contract template language for any new competitive Procurements lead by SAH to help proactively address this issue. We'll conduct a review our non-SSO procurements to assess any risk as noted in c) above. We will also continue to work with our SSO's on their compliances with the Act as previously noted in c) and d) above.

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.

Dated at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario this **25th** day of **May** , 2026.

Ila Watson
President and CEO
Sault Area Hospital

I certify that this attestation has been approved by the Board of the Sault Area Hospital on **May 25** , 2026.

Mark Lepore
Chair of the Board