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## Section 172(1) statement

The success of the Company is the driving factor behind all decisions made by the Director. Decision making processes are structured to enable the Director to evaluate the merit of proposed business activities and the likely consequences of its decisions over the short, medium and long term. The director remains mindful that any strategic decisions taken can have long term implications for the business and its stakeholders, and these implications are carefully assessed. An example of this is in decisions taken relating to capital investment in terms of possible new store acquisitions and equipment upgrades.

Our people are key to our success. That is why we work hard to create jobs and opportunities for all our people, regardless of gender, age, or life stage that enhance their work experience. Understanding how our people feel about McDonald's is vital. The director takes active steps to ensure that the suggestions, views and interests of the workforce are incorporated and considered as part of any decision-making process, helping to ensure that our employees are given the right support to help achieve their potential. We undertake quarterly surveys and have embarked on a "Big Conversation" with all restaurant crew and managers to drive the conversation about how they feel at work. We also conduct regular "Love to Listen" surveys to check how satisfied our employees are with their jobs.

Our customers are the reason for our existence and we therefore strive to provide high quality food with superior service in a clean and welcoming environment, all at an exceptional value.

Long-term commitment to McDonald's UK supply chain, has enabled our suppliers to grow with us and drive positive change within their own businesses.

The director carefully considers the impact of the business on communities and the environments in which the company operates. We collect litter dropped in the local area around our restaurants. Recycling units are installed around our restaurants and our paper cups are sent to specialist recycling centres in the UK.

**Richard Forte** McDonald's Franchisee and Director, Fortress Operations Ltd

