

# Information Sheet

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Title of Project: **Assessment of Perceptions on Social Licence to Operate (SLO)**

This study has been approved by the UCL Research Ethics Committee (Project ID Number): 9045/001

## Details of Project

### Project aims

This project aims to gauge your perception/ thoughts on the social licence to operate (SLO). This will be achieved through sorting of a number of preset statements on the subject matter. The information provided will facilitate an understanding of the different areas deemed as important or less important on the subject of social licence to operate.

### Who is undertaking this project?

This research will be undertaken by Suzanne Mathan (UCL Australia). This project is part of a MSc dissertation. This project will be overseen by Dr. Craig Styan (UCL Australia).

### Why am I being invited to participate?

You have been identified as individuals who could provide some valuable input into understanding the different perceptions/ thoughts on the subject of social licence to operate.

### What will I be asked to do?

You will be required to complete a q-sort of preset statements on the subject of social licence to operate based on your current personal understanding of the subject matter. You would also be required to provide your feedback on how/ why you sorted those statements the way you did to provide the researcher with some data for analysis purposes.

### Can I withdraw from the project?

Participation in this project is on a voluntary basis and therefore you will be able to withdraw from the project at any time prior to submission of your q-sort table.

### What will happen to my information?

The study will be conducted anonymously and therefore no personal data will be collected/ divulged. All data will be collected and stored in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 (UK).

### Ethical considerations and project risks

This study has been approved by University College London (UCL) Research Ethics Committee. Aside from the time require to undertake the sorting of statements, there are no foreseeable risk associated with the project. However, if you have any questions or problems relating to your participation, or if you wish to raise a concern or complaint about the project, please contact Dr. Craig Styan in the first instance. If you wish to speak to an independent person regarding these concerns, UCL's policy on research involving human participants, or your right as a participant, please refer to [www.ethics.grad.ucl.ac.uk](http://www.ethics.grad.ucl.ac.uk) or contact [ethics@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:ethics@ucl.ac.uk).

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Please discuss the information above with others if you wish or ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information.

It is up to you to decide whether to take part or not; choosing not to take part will not disadvantage you in any way. If you do decide to take part you are still free to withdraw at any time and without giving a reason.

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**Thank you for reading this information sheet and for considering take part in this research.**