

# SMETA Corrective Action Plan Report (CAPR)

Version 6.0





	Audit Details					
Sedex Company Reference: (only available on Sedex System)	ZC: Not provided		Sedex Site Re (only available System)		ZS: No	ot provided
Business name (Company name):	No information was provided by the factory.					
Site name:	DongGuan Leatch Metal Products Co., Ltd.					
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SMETA Audit Type:	□ Labour      Standards	⊠ H Safe	Health & ety	☐ Environ	ment	□ Business Ethics
Date of Audit:	August 17~18, 2017					

Audit Company Name & Logo:	
	Report Owner (payee):
E515	
	DongGuan Leatch Metal Products Co., Ltd.

Audit Conducted By					
Commercial		Purchaser		Retailer	
Brand owner		NGO		Trade Union	
Multi– stakeholder			Combined Audit (	select all that appl	у)



## **Audit Content:**

- (1) A SMETA audit was conducted which included some or all of Labour Standards, Health & Safety, Environment and Business Ethics. The SMETA Best Practice Version 6.0 April 2017 was applied. The scope of workers included all types at the site e.g. direct employees, agency workers, workers employed by service providers and workers provided by other contractors. Any deviations from the SMETA Methodology are stated (with reasons for deviation) in the SMETA Declaration.
- (2) The audit scope was against the following reference documents

## 2-Pillar SMETA Audit

- ETI Base Code
- SMETA Additions
  - Universal rights covering UNGP
  - Management systems and code implementation,
  - Responsible Recruitment
  - Entitlement to Work & Immigration,
  - Sub-Contracting and Home working,

## 4-Pillar SMETA

- 2-Pillar requirements plus
- Additional Pillar assessment of Environment
- Additional Pillar assessment of Business Ethics
- The Customer's Supplier Code (Appendix 1)
- (3) Where appropriate non-compliances were raised against the ETI code / SMETA Additions & local law and recorded as non compliances on both the audit report, CAPR and on Sedex.
- (4) Any Non-Compliance against customer code shall not be uploaded to Sedex. However, in the CAPR these 'Variances in compliance between ETI code / SMETA Additions/ local law and customer code' shall be noted in the observations section of the CAPR.



## **SMETA Declaration**

I declare that the audit underpinning the following report was conducted in accordance with SMETA Best Practice Guidance and SMETA Measurement Criteria.

- (1) Where appropriate non-compliances were raised against the ETI code / SMETA Additions & local law and recorded as non-compliances on both the audit report, CAPR and on Sedex.
- (2) Any Non-Compliance against customer code alone shall not be uploaded to Sedex. However, in the CAPR these 'Variances in compliance between ETI code / SMETA Additions/ local law and customer code' shall be noted in the observations section of the CAPR.

Any exceptions to this must be recorded here (e.g. different sample size): Nil

Auditor Team (s) (please list all including all interviewers):

Lead auditor: Ivy Pan Team auditor: Nil Interviewers: Ivy Pan

Report writer: Ivy Pan

Report reviewer: Sindy Zhang

Date of declaration: August 25, 2017

Note: The focus of this ethical audit is on the ETI Base Code and local law. The additional elements will not be audited in such depth or scope, but the audit process will still highlight any specific issues.

This report provides a summary of the findings and other applicable information found/gathered during the social audit conducted on the above date only and does not officially confirm or certify compliance with any legal regulations or industry standards. The social audit process requires that information be gathered and considered from records review, worker interviews, management interviews and visual observation. More information is gathered during the social audit process than is provided here. The audit process is a sampling exercise only and does not guarantee that the audited site prior, during or post–audit, are in full compliance with the Code being audited against. The provisions of this Code constitute minimum and not maximum standards and this Code should not be used to prevent companies from exceeding these standards. Companies applying this Code are expected to comply with national and other applicable laws and where the provisions of law and this Code address the same subject, to apply that provision which affords the greater protection. The ownership of this report remains with the party who has paid for the audit. Release permission must be provided by the owner prior to release to any third parties.



# **Audit Parameters**

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A: Time in and time out	Day 1 Time in: 9:00 Day 1 Time out: 17:30	Day 2 Time in: 8:00 Day 2 Time out: 12:00	Day 3 Time in: Nil Day 3 Time out: Nil		
B: Number of Auditor Days Used:	1 auditor used 1.5 on-si	te MDs.			
C: Audit type:	□ Full Initial     □ Periodic     □ Full Follow-up     □ Partial Follow-Up     □ Partial Other - Define				
D: Was the audit announced?	<ul><li>✓ Announced</li><li>☐ Semi – announced:</li><li>☐ Unannounced</li></ul>	Window detail: wee	eks		
E: Was the Sedex SAQ available for review?	☐ Yes ☐ No If No, why not: The factory did not complete SAQ.				
F: Any conflicting information SAQ/Pre-Audit Info to Audit findings?	Yes No NA If <b>Yes</b> , please capture of	detail in appropriate a	udit by clause		
G: Who signed and agreed CAPR (Name and job title)	Chen Ping/ HR manag	er			
H: Is further information available (if Y please contact audit company for details)	☐ Yes ☑ No				
I: Previous audit date:	Nil				
J: Previous audit type:	NA				
K: Was any previous audit reviewed during this audit	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A				
Audit attendance	Management	Worker Representativ	es		
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Audit attendance	Management Worker Representati		ves	
	Senior management	Worker Committee representatives	Union representatives	
A: Present at the opening meeting?	⊠ Yes□ No	⊠ Yes□ No	☐ Yes⊠ No	
B: Present at the audit?	⊠ Yes□ No	⊠ Yes□ No	☐ Yes⊠ No	



C: Present at the closing meeting?	⊠ Yes□ No	⊠ Yes□ No	☐ Yes⊠ No
D: If Worker Representatives were not present please explain reasons why(only complete if no worker reps present)	NA		
E: If Union Representatives were not present please explain reasons why: (only complete if no union reps present)	NA (No Trade Union)		

#### **Guidance:**

The Corrective Action Plan Report summarises the site audit findings and a corrective, and preventative action plan that both the auditor and the site manager believe is reasonable to ensure conformity with the ETI Base Code, Local Laws and additional audited requirements. After the initial audit, the form is used to rerecord actions taken and to categorise the status of the non-compliances.

N.B. observations and good practice examples should be pointed out at the closing meeting as well as discussing non-compliances and corrective actions.

To ensure that good practice examples are highlighted to the supplier and to give a more 'balanced' audit a section to record these has been provided on the CAPR document (see following pages) which will remain with the supplier. They will be further confirmed on receipt of the audit report.

## Root cause (see column 4)

Note: it is not mandatory to complete this column at this time.

Root cause refers to the specific procedure or lack of procedure which caused the issue to arise. Before a corrective action can sustainably rectify the situation it is important to find out the real cause of the non-compliance and whether a system change is necessary to ensure the issue will not arise again in the future.

See SMETA BPG Chapter 7 'Audit Execution' for more explanation of "root cause".

#### **Next Steps:**

- 1. The site shall request, via Sedex, that the audit body upload the audit report, non-compliances, observations and good examples. If you have not already received instructions on how to do this then please visit the web site www.sedexglobal.com.
- 2. Sites shall action its non-compliances and document its progress via Sedex.
- 3. Once the site has effectively progressed through its actions then it shall request via Sedex that the audit body verify its actions. Please visit <a href="www.sedexglobal.com">www.sedexglobal.com</a> web site for information on how to do this.
- 4. The audit body shall verify corrective actions taken by the site by either a "Desk-Top" review process via Sedex or by Follow-up Audit (see point 5).
- 5. Some non-compliances that cannot be closed off by "Desk-Top" review may need to be closed off via a "1 Day Follow Up Audit" charged at normal fee rates. If this is the case then the site will be notified after its submission of documentary evidence relating to that non-compliance. Any follow-up audit must take place within twelve months of the initial audit and the information from the initial audit must be available for sign off of corrective action.
- 6. For changes to wages and hours to be correctly verified it will normally require a follow up site visit. Auditors will generally require to see a minimum of two months wages and hours records, showing new rates in order to confirm changes (note some clients may ask for a longer period, if in doubt please check with the client).



# **Corrective Action Plan**

	Corrective Action Plan – non-compliances								
Non- Compliance Number The reference number of the non-compliance from the Audit Report, for example, Discrimination No.7	New or Carried Over Is this a new non- compliance identified at the follow-up or one carried over (C) that is still outstanding	Details of Non- Compliance Details of Non-Compliance	Root cause (completed by the site)	Preventative and Corrective Actions Details of actions to be taken to clear non- compliance, and the system change to prevent re- occurrence (agreed between site and auditor)	Timescale (Immediate, 30,60, 90,180,365)	Verification Method Desktop / Follow-Up [D/F]	Agreed by Management and Name of Responsible Person: Note if management agree to the non- compliance, and document name of responsible person	Verification Evidence and Comments Details on corrective action evidence	Status Open/Closed or comment
NC 1 Safety and Hygienic Conditions		Not all welding operators have valid permit from local government.  It violated Fire Prevention Law of the People's Republic of China 2008, Article 21 and ETI Base Code 3.1  Based on site observation and document review, it was noted that there were three welders onsite, however, only one operator has valid permit of welding operation.	☐ Training ☐ Systems ☐ Costs ☐ lack of workers ☐ Other – please give details:	It is recommended that the factory should ensure the welding operators have valid permit from local government.	90 Days	Desktop	Agreed by Chen Ping/HR manager		
NC 2 Safety and Hygienic Conditions		No qualified safety officer in the factory. It violated Production Safety Law of the People's Republic of	☐ Training ☐ Systems ☐ Costs ☐ lack of workers ☐ Other – please give details:	It is recommended that the safety officer should be licensed as per legal requirement.	90 Days	Desktop	Agreed by Chen Ping/HR manager		



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	China (2014), Article 21 and ETI Base Code 3.1  Through management interview, it was noted that no qualified safety officer in the factory.		,					
NC 3 Environment 4– Pillar	Waste chemical containers were stored at open area.  It violated Standard on Pollution Control in Storage of Hazardous Waste (GB18597-2001), 6.3.9 and Environment 4–Pillar 10B4.1.  Based on onsite observation, it was noted that 9 waste chemical containers were stored at open area.	☐ Training☐ Systems☐ Costs☐ lack of workers☐ Other – please give details:	It is recommended that the factory should ensure hazardous waste was stored wind-proof, rain-proof and sun-proof area.	60 Days	Desktop	Agreed by Chen Ping/HR manager		

	Corrective Action Plan - Observations					
Observation Number The reference number of the observation from the Audit Report, for example, Discrimination No.7	New or Carried Over Is this a new observation identified at the follow-up or one carried over (C) that is still outstanding	<b>Details of Observation</b> Details of Observation	<b>Root cause</b> (completed by the site)	Any improvement actions discussed (Not uploaded on to SEDEX)		
OB1 Environment 4–Pillar		The factory did not complete SAQ .				



	Good examples				
Good example Number The reference number of the non- compliance from the Audit Report, for example, Discrimination No.7	Details of good example noted	Any relevant Evidence and Comments			
GE 1 Wages and Benefits	The factory provides living room to all employees for free. Employees could choose freely to accept or give up the services.	According to site tour and workers interview.			



# Confirmation

Please sign this document confirming that the above findings have been discussed with and understood by you: (site management)  If actual signatures are not possible in electronic versions, please state the name of the signatory in applicable boxes, as indicating the signature.					
A: Site Representative Signature:	Chen Ping	Title HR manager			
		Date August 17~18, 2017			
B: Auditor Signature:	Ivy Pan	Title Lead Auditor			
		Date August 17~18, 2017			
C: Please indicate below if you, the site n	nanagement, dispute any of the findings. No nee	d to complete D-E, if no disputes.			
D:I dispute the following numbered non-o	compliances:				
E: Signed:	Nil	Title Nil			
(If <u>any</u> entry in box D, please complete a signature on this line)		Date Nil			
F: Any other site Comments:					
Nil					



## **Guidance on Root Cause**

## **Explanation of the Root Cause Column**

If a non-compliance is to be rectified by a corrective action which will also prevent the non-compliance re-occurring, it is necessary to consider whether a system change is required.

Understanding the root cause of the non-compliance is essential if a site is to prevent the issue reoccurring.

The root cause refers to the specific activity/ procedure or lack of activity /procedure which caused the non-compliance to arise. Before a corrective action can rectify the situation it is important to find out the real cause of the non-compliance and whether a system change is necessary to ensure the issue will not arise again in the future.

Since this is a new addition, it is not a mandatory requirement to complete this column at this time. We hope to encourage auditors and sites to think about Root Causes and where they are able to agree, this column may be used to describe their discussion.

## Some examples of finding a "root cause"

### Example 1

Where excessive hours have been noted the real reason for these needs to be understood, whether due to production planning, bottle necks in the operation, insufficient training of operators, delays in receiving trims, etc.

## Example 2

A non-compliance may be found where workers are not using PPE that has been provided to them. This could be the result of insufficient training for workers to understand the need for its use; a lack of follow-up by supervisors aligned to a proper set of factory rules or the fact that workers feel their productivity (and thus potential earnings) is affected by use of items such as metal gloves.

### Example 3

A site uses fines to control unacceptable behaviour of workers.

International standards (and often local laws) may require that workers should not be fined for disciplinary reasons.

It may be difficult to stop fines immediately as the site rules may have been in place for some time, but to prevent the non-compliance re- occurring it will be necessary to make a system change.

The symptom is fines, but the root cause is a management system which may break the law. To prevent the problem re-occurring it will be necessary to make a system change for example the site could consider a system which rewards for good behaviour

Only by understanding the underlying cause can effective corrective actions be taken to ensure continuous compliance.

The site is encouraged to complete this section so as to indicate their understanding of the issues raised and the actions to be taken.





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