General Electric Response re. Concerns biometric harnesses may be used in warehouses to monitor workers' activity 8 December 2019

Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited General Electric to respond to the following item:

"Warehouses are making workers wear biometric harnesses that track their movements on the job", Business Insider, 6 November 2019: <u>https://www.businessinsider.com/warehouses-make-workers-wear-biometric-harnesses-that-track-movements-2019-11?r=US&IR=T</u>

General Electric sent us the following response:

The health and safety of our employees are top priority at GE. We continue to invest in and test new training and technology to improve work conditions and better protect our people. In fact, pilot programs like the one using the StrongArm wearable have helped some teams identify opportunities to modify workstations or processes in order to avoid potential injuries or exposures. These pilot programs are completely voluntary, meet all data privacy guidelines, and are never used for performance management purposes. Their sole goal is to help GE make its workplace safer for employees. Learn more about GE's commitment to EHS excellence here.