**Email chain response from Temasek re the detention of migrant worker Malcolm Bidali in Qatar**

**Email from Temasek to Business & Human Rights Resource Centre: 22 May 2021**

Danielle, thank you for your comments.  I have outlined the governance relationship between Temasek and all of its portfolio companies.

Your questions in relation to the company should be addressed to the company, and I note you have done so.

Your questions in relation to the detention of an individual by the Qatari authorities should be addressed to the Qatari authorities.

**Email from Business & Human Rights Resource Centre to Temasek: 21 May 2021**

Many thanks for your email.  I note what you say regarding how the management of GSS Certis is organised, however I refer you to para 13b of the [UN Guiding Principles on Business & Human Rights](https://www.ohchr.org/documents/publications/guidingprinciplesbusinesshr_en.pdf) (which applies to all business enterprises) which states as follows:

“The responsibility to respect human rights requires that business enterprises:…Seek to prevent or mitigate adverse human rights impacts that are directly linked to their operations, products **or services by their business relationships, even if they have not contributed to those impacts**.”

You will see that the commentary to this principle further elaborates that: *“Business enterprises may be involved with adverse human rights impacts either through their own activities****or as a result of their business relationships with other parties****”*It also states that*: “*“activities” are understood to include **both actions and omissions**; and ““business relationships” are understood to **include relationships with business partners, entities in its value chain**, and any other non-State or State entity directly linked to its business operations, products or services.”

You will therefore appreciate that Temasek has clear responsibilities for the actions of GSS Certis under the UN Guiding Principles and we are therefore asking you to respond in addition to GSS Certis.

I would be grateful if you could confirm that you will be responding to this very important issue.

**Email from Temasek to Business & Human Rights Resource Centre: 21 May 2021**

Thank you for your email.

As we have explained to your colleagues in the past, Temasek is not involved in the management of its portfolio companies. Our governance model separates the role of shareholder from that of management. The oversight of our portfolio companies is a responsibility for the boards of the individual companies, which lead their management teams.

I note you have addressed your concerns to a representative of the GSS Certis, for them to consider and respond as appropriate.

XXXXX