

“SMCP S.A.’s response”, 9 September 2022

First of all, let us unequivocally confirm that the SMCP Group has never had recourse either directly (garment manufacture) or indirectly (supply of raw materials) to a factory located in Xinjiang and/or which would have resorted to forced labour.

The SMCP Group is a responsible player, signatory of the United Nations Global Compact, which offers a framework of commitment based on 10 principles to be respected, particularly in terms of human rights and labour law. SMCP has formalised its requirements vis-à-vis all its suppliers, particularly in the area of human rights, through its general purchasing conditions and its Supplier Code of Conduct. The Group resolutely endeavors to ensure that its suppliers undertake to comply with, and to ensure that their subcontractors similarly undertake to comply with, all the clauses of these documents. This obviously includes the prohibition of forced labour in all its forms.

In addition, SMCP regularly conducts audits through experts and independent third parties who monitor the effective implementation of its requirements. SMCP’s policy is to only work with suppliers who adhere to, respect and enforce its Supplier Code of Conduct. SMCP works with suppliers located all over the world and states that it does not have suppliers in the Xinjiang region.

We believe the above will demonstrate that the SMCP Group is committed to applying the highest standards when it comes to ensuring human rights are respected, including those rights that are contemplated in the UFLPA.