

Hitachi Group's response to the report "Compliance Report Update" of October, 2018 by Electronics Watch

*Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited Hitachi to respond to the following item:
page 4 of "Compliance Report Update" of October, 2018 by Electronics Watch*

http://electronicswatch.org/compliance-report-update-cal-comp-samut-sakorn-and-petchaburi-thailand-october-2018_2555998.pdf

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The Hitachi Group (Hitachi) appreciates the concerns raised in the report "Compliance Report Update" of October, 2018 by Electronics Watch (the report).

In the report, Hitachi is referred as one of the brand customers of Cal-Comp Electronics, Thailand. According to our investigation, although we have no direct transaction with them, we purchase electronic devices from companies listed in the report. The request is made for corrective action and received the reply that the requirement is made to Cal-Comp.

Hitachi acknowledges that the human rights are threatened by the forced labor in Thailand and other South East Asia and has recently translated Hitachi Group CSR Procurement Guideline in Thai in an effort to further minimize the human rights risk:

http://www.hitachi.co.jp/procurement/csr/_icsFiles/afieldfile/2018/09/11/HSC_CSR_CB_T.pdf

Hitachi is committed to consider human rights as a priority in our business activity, and will continue calling our suppliers for more engagement and compliance of the Guideline to ensure that human rights abuse including forced labor does not happen in our supply chain.