

Social Audit Report

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Social Audit Report

Factory Name:	Tahersons Fashior	nersons Fashions Ltd.				
Factory Address:	4700/H,Terminal	Connectin	ng Road,	Chandgaon, Chitt	tagong-421	2, Bangladesh
Management Rep	resentative:	Gazi Atiqı	ur Rahma	an, Director		
Audit Results for BSCI So Requirements Part B:	ocial	Good ¹		Improvement N	leeded 🗵	Non-compliant
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Audit initiated by:		BSCI Me	mber :		Sup	plier: 🛚 🖂
Auditing Company Name	:	CISE				
Audit report number:		CISE/RdeR	/BD/2011-	40		
DBID number:		23770				
Lead Auditor's name and	SAAS certificate	Kamal Hosain Bhuiyan/ A8207				
number:						
Auditing Company Addre		CISE, C/O.RdeR Bangladesh (Pvt.) Ltd. Flat #3B, House # 114, Road # 15, Block-C, Banani, Dhaka-1213, Bangladesh.				
Audit Date:		January 26 to 29, 2011				
Date of the new BSCI to years from the initial aud	be started. (6	January 2	28, 2014			
Number of Initial audits	perioritied at	Nil				
this facility (Cycle number						
Agreed date for closing the CAP (if applicable):		1 Year				
Date, Signature & Stamp):	January 2	29, 2011			

¹ Due to the sampling nature of the auditing exercise, absence of findings during an assessment does not assure the full compliance of the facility nor does it guarantee that violations may not appear in the future. BSCI and the auditing company do not accept responsibility for conditions at other locations that may be used in the supply chain of the relevant product or service since this report covers the production site listed under "audited company" only.

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Lead-Auditor	Kamal Hosain Bhuiyan	Additional Auditor	Ahmad Humayun Kabir
Audit Date	January 26 to 29, 2011	Number of man days applied	2.5

A. Master Data - For full details on the business structure of the company, see complete Master Data in the Audit Questionnaire.

Location of audited Company		Basic Data			
Name of Company	Tahersons Fashions Ltd.	Year of foundation		2008	
http://www.	www.tahergroup.com	Legal status		Private Limited Company	
Street	4700/H,Terminal Connecting Road, Chandgaon, Chittagong-4212, Bangladesh	Language(s) spoken in company		Bengali/ Bangla	
City	Chittagong	Total production capacity per month		500000 pieces per month	
Zip Code	4212	Contact Person			
Country	Bangladesh	Name	Gazi A	Atiqur Rahman	
Phone	+88-031-2553501	Position / Language		or/ Bangla & English	
Fax	+88-031-728871	Phone +88-01678000212			
DBID Number	23770	E-mail	atiq@ta	nhergroup.com	

Business Activities			
Clothing:	Construction Material:	Electronic Groups:	
Eyewear (Glasses):	Furniture:	Leather Goods (except shoes):	
Machinery:	Other hard goods:	Shoes:	
Textiles:	Toys:	Textiles raw material or accessories	

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B. Audit Assessment Part B BSC	Mandatory So	ocial Requirements
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				2	1	0	NA
B.1	Management Pra	actice					
3.2	Documentation						
3.3	Working Time						
3.4	Compensation	Compensation					
B.5	Child Labour / Young Employees						
B.6	Forced Labour /	Prisoner Labour	/ Disciplinary Measures				
3.7	Freedom of Asso	ociation / Collecti	ve Bargaining				
B.8	Discrimination						
B.9	Working Condition	ons					
3.10	Health and Socia	al Facilities					
3.11	Occupational He	ealth and Safety					
B.12	Dormitories						\boxtimes
B.13	Environment	Environment					
Total	Result:	Good	Improvements Needed	Non-c	omplian	nt 🗌	
Rem	arks						
<u>Γhe ir</u>	nitial onsite asse	essment was co	nducted on January 26 to 29,	2011 a	t Taher	sons Fas	shions

The initial onsite assessment was conducted on January 26 to 29, 2011 at Tahersons Fashions Limited The facility is located at 700/H,Terminal Connecting Road, Chandgaon, Chittagong-4212, Bangladesh. They have operated at this location since 2008. The main products manufactured by the factory are knit products such as tops & bottoms.

CISE assessment team arrived at the facility and was welcomed by Mr. Gazi Atiqur Rahman, Director. The assessment team held an opening meeting and exchanged business cards.

Following Factory representatives were present in the opening meeting-

- 1. Mr. Gazi Atiqur Rahman- Director
- 2. Mr. Syed Morshed Iman Rumman-Compliance Manager
- 3. Md. Saiful Malek-Admin & HR Officer

During opening meeting, the assessment team explained the purpose and procedure of the

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assessment to the management team, including a health and safety walkthrough, employees. Private interviews, thorough document checking and a detailed payroll record review. The management team was permitted to carry out the whole process as per the client's requirement. All management staff remained with the assessment team throughout the assessment process and was very cooperative throughout the assessment process.

In view of the facility, the factory compound consists of one building.

Tahersons Fashions Ltd. is located on the ground floor, 1st, 2nd, 3rd,4th floor & roof top

A few General shops are located on the ground floor.

Ground floor is occupied by generator room.

1st floor is occupied by factory office, finishing section, packing section, finished carton room, boiler room.

2nd floor is occupied by sewing section, sample section

3rd floor is occupied by sewing section, accessories store, and maintenance section

4th floor is occupied by fabric store, cutting section, doctor & child care room.

Rooftop is occupied by dining room.

Currently 250 employees are working in the factory, which includes 80 number of male & 170 number of female employees.

At the end of the audit process, a closing meeting was held to discuss various concerns & by Mr. Gazi Atiqur Rahman, Director, has signed the Corrective Action Plan- B & C at the end of the closing meeting.

Following Factory representatives were present in the closing meeting:

- 1. Mr. Gazi Atiqur Rahman- Director
- 2. Mr. Syed Morshed Iman Rumman-Compliance Manager
- 3. Md. Saiful Malek-Admin & HR Officer

Initial Audit result description (Part-B):

Section B.1: Management Practice

Findings

- 1. The factory did not have a senior management representative been appointed who, irrespective of other duties, is responsible that the BSCI social requirements are met.
- 2. The factory did not have a qualified person / are qualified persons responsible for updating and implementing legal regulations especially but not only with regard to matters subject to continuous change like wages and safety.
- 3. The company did not appoint a qualified person / qualified persons on the
- 4. operational level for implementation and checking compliance with the
- 5. BSCI social requirements including health and safety.
- 6. Executives, management and staff were not aware of the legal rights and duties under labour legislation.
- 7. There was no ongoing communication about social requirements between staff and management.

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Section B.2: Documentation

Findings:

- 1. The factory did not have a written policy available in the company that describes the social responsibility of the company especially with regard to female employees, compensation, working conditions, health and social facilities, safety, freedom of association and collective bargaining.
- 2. It was noted that the company has not a written commitment to their employees to comply with the BSCI Social Requirements including legal requirements in the country of operation and has this commitment posted in the location together with the BSCI Code of Conduct visible to all employees in relevant languages or attached it to each employee's contract.
- 3. During checking the personal files of the workers it was noted that copy of workers ID card was not maintained in the workers personal file.
- 4. Time cards are manually marked by the time keeper. As a result, uniform time in and out is reflected everyday (such as 8:00 am as time in for all employees and 5:00 pm as time out) in the time cards. This is not the exact time in and out of employees.
- 5. It was noted through documents review and workers interview that service book was not maintained properly.
- 6. Documentation on health and safety training was not available
- 7. Security guards did not have an employment contract which describes their duties Section B.3 Working Time: Finding:
- 1. Time cards are manually marked by the time keeper. As a result, uniform time in and out is reflected everyday (such as 8:00 am as time in for all employees and 5:00 pm as time out) in the time cards. This is not the exact time in and out of employees.

Section B.4 Compensation: Finding:

- 1. Facility management does not have the provision of workers' participation fund and workers' welfare fund.
- Section B.5 Child Labour/ Young Employees: No discrepancy noticed
- Section B.6 Forced Labour/ Disciplinary Measures/ Prisoner Labour: No discrepancy Noticed
- Section B.7 Freedom of Association & Collective Bargaining:
- 1. Employees are not aware about the use of suggestion boxes.
- Section B.8 Discrimination: No discrepancy noticed Section B.9 Working Conditions: No discrepancy noticed
- Section B.10 Health & Social Facilities:

Findings:

- 2. The factory did not have a canteen.
- 3. The factory did not appoint a Nurse
- 4. The factory did not have a contract with hospital

Section B.11 Occupational Health & Safety:

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Findings:

- 1. During floor visit it was observed that cushioned rubber mats were not provided to standing workers.
- 2. All employees were not received health and safety training after recruitment and regularly during their employment Employees working with electricity did not have adequate qualification
- 3. It was noted and measured during the visit that the height of the existing emergency exit on the roof top was 5' 9" instead of 6' 6".
- 4. It was noted during the visit that 2 doors on the roof top opened inwards
- 5. During floor visit it was noted that 7 sewing machines were without rubber paddle mats.
- 6. It was noted that operators of machinery did not get training about safety regulations and operating procedures.

Section B.12 Dormitory:

Dormitory was not provided to the workers by the factory as it is not a legal requirement in Bangladesh.

Section B.13 Environment: No discrepancy noticed

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	Findings and Necessary Improvements	Implementatio
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Management Practice	1. In accordance with BSCI Social requirements Point B.1.2	3 months.
	The factory did not have a senior management representative been appointed who, irrespective of other duties, is responsible that the BSCI social requirements are met.	
	2. In accordance with BSCI Social requirements Point B.1.3	
	The factory did not have a qualified person / are qualified persons responsible for updating and implementing legal regulations especially but not only with regard to matters subject to continuous change like wages and safety.	
	3. In accordance with BSCI Social requirements Point B.1.4	
	The company did not appoint a qualified person / qualified persons on the operational level for implementation and checking compliance with the BSCI social requirements including health and safety.	
	4. In accordance with BSCI Social requirements Point B.1.5 Executives, management and staff were not aware of the legal rights and duties under labour legislation.	
	5. In accordance with BSCI Social requirements Point B.1.6 There was no ongoing communication about social requirements between staff and management.	
Documentation	In accordance with BSCI Social Requirements Point B.2.3	3 months
	The factory did not have a written policy available in the company that describes the social responsibility of the company especially with regard to female employees, compensation, working conditions, health and social facilities, safety, freedom of association and collective bargaining.	
	2. In accordance with BSCI Social Requirements Point B.2.4,	
	It was noted that the company has not a written commitment to their employees to comply with the BSCI Social Requirements including legal requirements in the country of operation and has this commitment posted in the location together with the BSCI Code of Conduct visible to all employees in relevant languages or attached it to each employee's contract.	
	3. In accordance with BSCI Social Requirements Point B.2.5 During checking the personal files of the workers it was noted that copy of workers ID card was not maintained in the workers personal file.	
	4. In accordance with BSCI Social Requirements Point B.2.6	
	Time cards are manually marked by the time keeper. As a result, uniform time in and out is reflected everyday (such as 8:00 am as time in for all employees and 5:00 pm as time out) in the time cards. This is not	

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	the exact time in and out of employees.	
	5. According to the Bangladesh Labor Law 2006, Chapter 2, Section 6(2) & BSCI Social Requirements Point B.2.11 (d)	
	It was noted through documents review and workers interview that service book was not maintained properly.	
	6. In accordance with BSCI Social Requirements Point B.2.12 Documentation on health and safety training was not available	
	7. In accordance with BSCI Social Requirements Point B.2.19	
	Security guards did not have an employment contract which describes their duties	
Working Time	1. In accordance with BSCI Social Requirements Point B.3.1	1 month
	Time cards are manually marked by the time keeper. As a result, uniform time in and out is reflected everyday (such as 8:00 am as time in for all employees and 5:00 pm as time out) in the time cards. This is not the exact time in and out of employees.	
Compensation	1. In accordance with BSCI Social Requirements Point B.4.12 & Bangladesh Labor Code 2006; Sec 234	1 Year
	Facility management does not have the provision of workers' participation fund and workers' welfare fund.	
Child Labour / Young Employees	No discrepancy noticed	Not Applicable
Forced Labour / Prisoner Labour / Disciplinary Measures	No discrepancy noticed	Not Applicable
Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining	In accordance with BSCI Social Requirements Point B.7.6A Employees are not aware about the use of suggestion boxes.	15 days
Discrimination	No discrepancy noticed	Not Applicable
Working Conditions	No discrepancy noticed	Not Applicable
Health and Social Facilities	In accordance with BSCI Social Requirements Point B.10.3 & Bangladesh Labor Law 2006, Chapter-8, Section 92 (1)	1 Year
	The factory did not have a canteen.	
	2. In accordance with BSCI Social Requirements Point B.10.7 (b)	
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	3. In accordance with BSCI So Employees working with electr qualification	icity did not have adequa	ite	A AVA
	4. In accordance with BSCI So Section 51 (2) of the Factories	cial Requirements Point E Rules, 1979	3.11.7 (a) &	149
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	7. In accordance with BSCI S			Applicable
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Dormitories	No dormitory provided to the requirement for this is in Bar	workers by the factory agladesh	as it is not a lega	Not Applicable
	No discrepancy noticed			Not Applicable

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C. Audit Assessment Part C Best Practice for Industry - Voluntary implementation but auditing is mandatory

		Results				
		2	1	NA		
C.1	Policy			ı		
C.2	Planning and Implementation		\boxtimes			
C.3	Management Review		\boxtimes	l.		
C.4	Control of Subcontractors / Suppliers / Sub-suppliers			ı		
C.5	Control of Homeworkers					
C.6	Compensation					
C.7	Child Labour					
C.8	Evasion	\boxtimes				
C.9	Outside Communication					
	Ripe for SA8000 Certification with regard to audit results B. and C.: YES X NO Training and assistance necessary but SA8000 certifiable YES X NO					
The n	Remarks The management explained that at this time the facility has no plans to implement the SA8000 Standards. However, the management also said that they will discuss this matter with their top management					

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Audit Corrective Action Plan (CAP) Part C Best Practice for Industry

	Findings and Necessary Improvements	Agreed		Implemen-
	to the proper sectors with their comments are properly from the	Yes	No	tation Date
Policy	The facility needs to elaborate a company policy towards social accountability and labour conditions conforming to SA 8000 standards, national laws. Committing to continual improvement, effectively documented and implemented.			Not Applicable
Planning and Implementation	The company shall ensure that the requirements of the SA8000 Standard are understood and implemented at all levels of the organisation. The company shall ensure that there are clear definitions of roles, responsibilities and authority. There shall be training of new and/or temporary employees upon hiring as well as periodic training for permanent employees.			Not Applicable
Management Review	The top management shall periodically review the accuracy, suitablity and continuing effectiveness of its company policies, procedures and performance results, according to the SA8000 Standard.			Not Applicable
Control of Suppliers / Subsuppliers	The company has a policy but without any suppliers control procedures.			Not Applicable
Control of Homeworkers	N/A. No home worker is used for productions.			Not Applicable
Compensation	The company is not paying according to basic need wage and has no plan to implement basic need wage plan			Not Applicable
Child Labour	Company has child remediation plan and at the moment no child or young workers found in the factory.		\boxtimes	Not Applicable
Evasion	No concern apparent			Not Applicable
Outside Communication	The company shall establish and maintain procedures to communicate regularly to al interested parties data and other information regarding performance of the requirements of the SA8000 Standard, including, but not limited to, the results of management reviews and monitoring activities.			Not Applicable

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Date / signature / stamp Auditor

Mr. Gazi Atiqur Rahmar

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List of Audit Attachments

	Obligatory Attachments	Attached?
1.	Employees Interview Sheet	Yes, attached in the questionniare
2	Photos: outside factory compound, production floor, canteen, dormitories, display of the code of conduct, nursery, etc.	Yes, separate file
3	Child Labour Record Sheet	Yes, attached in the questionniare

	Required copies to be available as part of the audit pack, if no legal prohibition for collecting the record, according to local law.	Available with the audit files?
4	Collective Bargaining Agreement	Not Applicable
5	Personnel File sample	Yes
6	Time Record sample	Yes
7	Payslip sample	Yes
8	Payment to Social Insurance Fund	Yes
9	Wage List sample	Yes
10	Maternity Leave sample	Yes
11	Work Rules	Yes
12	Documentation on Health and Safety Training	Yes
13	Documentation on Social Issues made by officials or other social audit	Yes
14	Agreement with a union or other worker representative	Not Applicable
15	Authorization for exemptions from statutory regulations	Not Applicable
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