

SMETA Corrective Action Plan Report (CAPR)



Audit Content:

- (1) A SMETA audit was conducted which included some or all of Labour Standards, Health & Safety, Environment and Business Ethics. The SMETA Best Practice Version 6.1 (March 2019) was applied. The scope of workers included all types at the site e.g. direct employees, agency workers, workers employed by service providers and workers provided by other contractors. Any deviations from the SMETA Methodology are stated (with reasons for deviation) in the SMETA Declaration.
- (2) The audit scope was against the following reference documents

2-Pillar SMETA Audit

- ETI Base Code
- SMETA Additions
 - Universal rights covering UNGP
 - Management systems and code implementation,
 - Responsible Recruitment
 - Entitlement to Work & Immigration,
 - Sub-Contracting and Home working,

4-Pillar SMETA

- 2-Pillar requirements plus
- Additional Pillar assessment of Environment
- Additional Pillar assessment of Business Ethics
- The Customer's Supplier Code (Appendix 1)
- (3) Where appropriate non-compliances were raised against the ETI code / SMETA Additions & local law and recorded as non-compliances on both the audit report, CAPR and on Sedex.
- (4) Any Non-Compliance against customer code shall not be uploaded to Sedex. However, in the CAPR these 'Variances in compliance between ETI code / SMETA Additions/ local law and customer code' shall be noted in the observations section of the CAPR.

Guidance

The Corrective Action Plan Report summarises the site audit findings and a corrective, and preventative action plan that both the auditor and the site manager believe is reasonable to ensure conformity with the ETI Base Code, Local Laws and additional audited requirements. After the initial audit, the form is used to rerecord actions taken and to categorise the status of the non-compliances.

N.B. observations and good practice examples should be pointed out at the closing meeting as well as discussing non-compliances and corrective actions.

To ensure that good practice examples are highlighted to the supplier and to give a more 'balanced' audit a section to record these has been provided on the CAPR document (see following pages) which will remain with the supplier. They will be further confirmed on receipt of the audit report.

Root cause (see column 4)

Root cause refers to the specific procedure or lack of procedure which caused the issue to arise. Before a corrective action can sustainably rectify the situation, it is important to find out the real cause of the non-compliance and whether a system change is necessary to ensure the issue will not arise again in the future.

See SMETA BPG Chapter 7 'Audit Execution' for more explanation of "root cause".

Next Steps:

- 1. The site shall request, via Sedex, that the audit body upload the audit report, non-compliances, observations and good examples. If you have not already received instructions on how to do this then please visit the web site www.sedexglobal.com.
- 2. Sites shall action its non-compliances and document its progress via Sedex.
- 3. Once the site has effectively progressed through its actions then it shall request via Sedex that the audit body verify its actions. Please visit www.sedexglobal.com web site for information on how to do this.
- 4. The audit body shall verify corrective actions taken by the site by either a "Desk-Top" review process via Sedex or by Follow-up Audit (see point 5).
- 5. Some non-compliances that cannot be closed off by "Desk-Top" review may need to be closed off via a "1 Day Follow Up Audit" charged at normal fee rates. If this is the case, then the site will be notified after its submission of documentary evidence relating to that non-compliance. Any follow-up audit must take place within twelve months of the initial audit and the information from the initial audit must be available for sign off of corrective action.
- 6. For changes to wages and hours to be correctly verified it will normally require a follow up site visit. Auditors will generally require to see a minimum of two months wages and hours records, showing new rates in order to confirm changes (note some clients may ask for a longer period, if in doubt please check with the client).

				Audit	Details					
Sedex Company Reference: (only available on Sede	ex System)	ZC41560)2263		Sedex Site Re (only available o		em)	ZS415	6083	42
Business name (Company name)	:	Barisons	Creations	Ltd						
Site name:		Barisons	Creations	Ltd						
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SMETA Audit Pilla	rs:	☑ Lat Sta	oour Indards		Health and Safety (plus Environment 2-Pillar)	Envi 4-pil		ment		Business Ethics
Date of Audit:		2023-10	-14							
			Aud	it Com	pany Name:					
			GSC	S Inter	national Ltd					
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Affiliate Audit Company	>		Purchaser			Retai	ler]
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Audit Pa	rameters		
Time in and time out	Day 1		
	In	09:25	
	Out	15:45	
Audit type:	PERIOD	IC	
Was the audit announced?	SEMI_AI	NNOUNCE	ED
Was the Sedex SAQ available for review?	Yes		
Any conflicting information SAQ/Pre-Audit Info to Audit findings?	No		
Who signed and agreed CAPR	Md. Fazl	lul Haque	/ Director- Operation
Is further information available	No		

Audit attendance	Management Worker Representatives				
	Senior management	Worker Committee representatives	Union representatives		
A: Present at the opening meeting?	Yes	Yes	No		
B: Present at the audit?	Yes	Yes	No		
C: Present at the closing meeting?	Yes	Yes	No		
Reason for absence at the opening meeting	N/A as worker representat is present at the facility, Tr	ive was present. As there is ade union is not mandatory	a participation committee		
Reason for absence during the audit	N/A as worker representative was present. As there is a participation committee is present at the facility, Trade union is not mandatory.				
Reason for absence at the closing meeting	N/A as worker representat is present at the facility, Tr	ive was present. As there is rade union is not mandatory	a participation committee		

Summary of Findings

Issue		a of nformity	Nur	mber of iss	ues	Findings
(please click on the issue title to go direct to the appropriate audit results by clause)	ETI	Local Law	NC	Obs	GE	
3 - Working conditions are safe and hygienic	3.1 3.1 3.1 3.2	§ 1 § 2 § 3 § 4	4	0	0	NC - ZAF600199521 NC - 406552c4-c4f6-4df7- 89ac-5ce8697e3330 NC - bbe7457a-4a4a-424b- 9001-f8f62f72ab55 NC - d425d723-7924-41af- a02e-d7de7b92a0b5
0A - Universal rights covering UNGP			0	1	0	Obs - ZAF600199522
4 - Child labour shall not be used	4.4	§ 5	1	0	0	NC - b860ace5-bd5b-4e78- a067-c0ba363b2c7c
5 - Living wages are paid			0	0	1	GE - 9e9fddfc-f989-4734-bf2f- 0d5f94024f8c

Local Law Issues

Issue	Description
§ 1	In accordance with Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission Act, 2003, Section 27 (1): No person shall engage himself in the following business unless he is empowered by a licence or exempted from having it under this Act or any other Act, such as:- (a) power generation; (b) energy transmission; (c) energy distribution and marketing; (d) energy supply; and (e) energy storage.
§ 2	In accordance with The Bangladesh Labour Rules 2015, Rule 55 (10): (10) If possible, all workers or at least 18% of the workers employed in each department have to be trained on fire-fighting, emergency rescue operation, first aid and the usage of portable fire-repellant instruments. And the security has to be ensured by dividing the trained workers into fire-fighting team, rescue team and first aid team (6% members in each team) and the records related herewith have to be preserved in accordance with Form- 22.
§ 3	Bangladesh Labour Rules, 2015, Schedule 4 (1) (b): (c) To review matters related to ensuring professional health and safety the work place and workers therein, to recommend measures to the owner and the authority and to provide workers, employees and all concerned in this regard and raise their consciousness;
§ 4	In accordance with The Bangladesh Labor Act 2006, Rule 58 (1, 2, 3 & 4): (1) In every establishment, arrangements shall be made at a suitable point to supply sufficient purified potable water for all workers employed therein. (2) All water supply points shall be legibly marked with "Potable water" in Bangla. (3) Where two hundred fifty or more workers are ordinarily employed in an establishment, provision shall be made for cooling the potable water during the summer. (4) Where dehydration occurs in the body of workers due to work near machineries creating excessive heat, oral re-hydration therapy shall be provided to those workers.
§ 5	"In accordance with The Bangladesh Labour Rules, 2015, Rule 94: (2): (2) The said room shall be provided with adequate accommodation, light and ventilation and shall be maintained in clean and sanitary condition, and shall be under the charge of an experienced or trained woman for the care of children."

Corrective Action Plan - Non Compliances

	Non-Compliance	Evidence
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	Non-Compliance	
Status	CLOSED	
Reference	ZAF600199521	
Clause	3 - Working conditions are safe and hygienic	
Issue Title	267 - No / inadequate certificates for inspections of machinery, or machines not registered as required by law	
Subcategory	Machinery	
New or carried over?	□ New ☑ Carried Over	
Raised by audit	ZAA420454902	
Resolved by audit	ZAA600029545	
Root cause	☐ Training ☐ System	1
	☐ Costs ☐ Lack of workers	
	☑ Other	
Root cause - Other	Gove delay issue	Comment of the Principle Magnish of the option of the opti
Local law issue	In accordance with Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission Act, 2003, Section 27 (1): No person shall engage himself in the following business unless he is empowered by a licence or exempted from having it under this Act or any other Act, such as:- (a) power generation; (b) energy transmission; (c) energy distribution and marketing; (d) energy supply; and (e) energy storage.	The Confidence of the William State of the Confidence of the Confi
ETI code	3.1 - A safe and hygienic working environment shall be provided, bearing in mind the prevailing knowledge of the industry and of any specific hazards. Adequate steps shall be taken to prevent accidents and injury to health arising out of, associated with, or occurring in the course of work, by minimising, so far as is reasonably practicable, the causes of hazards inherent in the working environment.	
Explanation to the non compliance	It was noted through documents review and management interview that: a) The diesel generator of the facility with capacity of 132 Kw had no operation license from the respective authority. Note that the facility already applied for the license to concern authority. b) Export Promotion Bureau Certificate (EPB) was expired on 30th June 2021. Note that, the facility has applied for the renewal of the licenses from the concerned authority on 27th June, 2022.	
Follow up method	☐ Follow up audit ☐ Desktop audit	

Timescale	□Immediate	□30 days	□ 60 days	
	☑ 90 days	□ 120 days	□180 days	
	□ 365 days	□Other		
Actions	It is recommended that the facility management shall obtain the updated Generator license from the concerned authority as soon as possible.			
Additional comments	Generator waive During current as		nce was reviewed.	

	Non-Compliance	Evidence
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	Non-Compliance	
Status	OPEN	
Reference	406552c4-c4f6-4df7-89ac-5ce8697e3330	
Clause	3 - Working conditions are safe and hygienic	
Issue Title	175 - Workers are not given appropriate fire safety, fire prevention and/or evacuation training	
Subcategory	Fire Safety - Licenses, Inspections & Training	
New or carried over?	☑ New ☐ Carried Over	
Root cause	☑ Training ☐ System	
	☐ Costs ☐ Lack of workers	
	☑ Other	
Root cause - Other	Lack of Awareness	
Local law issue	In accordance with The Bangladesh Labour Rules 2015, Rule 55 (10): (10) If possible, all workers or at least 18% of the workers employed in each department have to be trained on fire-fighting, emergency rescue operation, first aid and the usage of portable fire-repellant instruments. And the security has to be ensured by dividing the trained workers into fire-fighting team, rescue team and first aid team (6% members in each team) and the records related herewith have to be preserved in accordance with Form- 22.	
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Explanation to the non compliance	It was noted through workers interview that- (a) Approximately 30% of the firefighters and rescuer were not properly aware about the types of fire extinguishers, types of fire, uses of fire equipment and his/her duties during fire. (b) Approximately 20% of the first aiders were not well aware about first aid medicines, kits and preliminary treatment procedures.	
Follow up method	☐ Follow up audit ☐ Desktop audit	
Timescale	☐ Immediate ☐ 30 days ☐ 60 days	
	□ 90 days □ 120 days □ 180 days	

	365 days Other		
Actions	It is recommended that the facility management shall arrange firefighting, rescue and first aid trainings on regular basis to prepare them aware on firefighting requirements, rescue procedures and first aid treatment procedures in case of emergency situations.		
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	Non-Compliance	Evidence
[Back to findings	summary]	
	Non-Compliance	
Status	OPEN	
Reference	bbe7457a-4a4a-424b-9001-f8f62f72ab55	
Clause	3 - Working conditions are safe and hygienic	
Issue Title	152 - Health and safety risk assessment conducted, but not suitable / sufficient and/or documented	
Subcategory	Health & Safety Management	
New or carried over?	☑ New ☐ Carried Over	
Root cause	☑ Training ☑ System	
	☐ Costs ☐ Lack of workers	
	□ Other	
Root cause - Other		
Local law issue	Bangladesh Labour Rules, 2015, Schedule 4 (1) (b): (c) To review matters related to ensuring professional health and safety the work place and workers therein, to recommend measures to the owner and the authority and to provide workers, employees and all concerned in this regard and raise their consciousness;	
ETI code	3.2 - Workers shall receive regular and recorded Health & Safety training, and such training shall be repeated for new or reassigned workers.	
Explanation to the non compliance	During the facility visit and management interview that the facility has not posted/displayed the risk assessment in the spot removing room, transformer room, compressor room, canteen, packing room etc. Note that the facility identified the risk and established the hazard control system in the risk assessment.	
Follow up method	☐ Follow up audit ☐ Desktop audit	
Timescale	□ Immediate □ 30 days □ 60 days	
	□ 90 days □ 120 days □ 180 days	
	□ 365 days □ Other	
Actions	It is recommended that the facility shall post/display the risk assessment or awareness poster in in the said areas to raise the awareness among workers.	

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	Non-Compliance	e	Evidence
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	Non-Compliance	9	
Status	OPEN		
Reference	d425d723-7924-41af-a02e	-d7de7b92a0b5	
Clause	3 - Working conditions are	e safe and hygienic	
Issue Title	299 - No/ inadequate avai water (that meets the Wor standard for potable wate	lability of clean drinking rld Health Organisation er)	
Subcategory	Worker Health		
New or carried over?	☑ New	☐ Carried Over	
Root cause	☐ Training	☑ System	
	□ Costs	□ Lack of workers	
	□ Other		
Root cause - Other			
Local law issue	Rule 58 (1, 2, 3 & 4): (1) In a arrangements shall be ma supply sufficient purified workers employed therein points shall be legibly ma water" in Bangla. (3) Wh more workers are ordinar establishment, provisions the potable water during dehydration occurs in the work near machineries core-hydration therapy shal workers.	potable water for all n. (2) All water supply rked with "Potable ere two hundred fifty or ily employed in an shall be made for cooling the summer. (4) Where body of workers due to eating excessive heat, oral I be provided to those	
ETI code	be provided, bearing in m knowledge of the industry hazards. Adequate steps s accidents and injury to he associated with, or occurr	and of any specific shall be taken to prevent alth arising out of, ing in the course of work, reasonably practicable, the	
Explanation to the non compliance	It was noted through plan management interview th provide drinking water sta room.		
Follow up method	☐ Follow up audit	☑ Desktop audit	
Timescale	□ Immediate ☑ 30 da	ays □ 60 days	
	□ 90 days □ 120 d	lays □ 180 days	

	365 days Other	
Actions	It is recommended that the factory should provide drinking water station in the dining room in line with legal requirements.	

	Evidence			
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Status	OPEN			
Reference	b860ace5-bd5b-4e78-a067-c0ba363b2c7c			
Clause	4 - Child labour shall not be used			
Issue Title	397 - Childcare facilities are not provided in alignment with legal requirements			
Subcategory	Child care & education			
New or carried over?	☑ New ☐ Carried Over			
Root cause	☐ Training ☑ System			
	☐ Costs ☐ Lack of workers			
	□ Other			
Root cause - Other				
Local law issue	"In accordance with The Bangladesh Labour Rules, 2015, Rule 94: (2): (2) The said room shall be provided with adequate accommodation, light and ventilation and shall be maintained in clean and sanitary condition, and shall be under the charge of an experienced or trained woman for the care of children."			
ETI code	4.4 - These policies and procedures shall conform to the provisions of the relevant ILO Standards.			
Explanation to the non compliance	It was observed through floor visit and management interview that the facility has a childcare facility for the workers' children. However, there were not trained woman to look after/take care the children.			
Follow up method	□ Follow up audit ☑ Desktop audit			
Timescale	☐ Immediate ☐ 30 days ☑ 60 days			
	□ 90 days □ 120 days □ 180 days			
	□ 365 days □ Other			
Actions	It is recommended that the factory management should provide an appropriate childcare facility for use of female workers and appoint trained women in line with legal requirements.			

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Corrective Action Plan - Observations

Observation			Evidence
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	Observ	ration	
Status	OPEN		
Reference	ZAF600199522		7
Clause	0A - Universal righ	ts covering UNGP	
Issue Title	6 - SAQ was shared with the auditor, but the SAQ answers are accidentally misleading / inaccurate		
Subcategory	Audit process		
New or carried over?	□ New	☑ Carried Over	
Raised by audit	ZAA420454902		
Root cause	☐ Training	□ System]
	□ Costs	□ Lack of workers	
	Other		
Root cause - Other	N/A		
Explanation to the observation	It was noted that t 100%. However, th would finalise the	he SAQ had not been completed ney had started this work, and SAQ within the next month.	
Actions	N/A		

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Corrective Action Plan - Good Examples

Good Example		Evidence
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	Good Example	1
Status	OPEN	
Reference	9e9fddfc-f989-4734-bf2f-0d5f94024f8c	
Clause	5 - Living wages are paid	
Issue Title	429 - Company provides a range of additional benefits, including: free medical care on-site, holiday and other bonuses, free library, food subsidy, free transport	
Subcategory	Benefits & Insurance	
New or carried over?	☑ New ☐ Carried Over	
Explanation to the good example	It was noted through payroll record review, worker & management interview that the facility provides attendance bonus BDT 600 to all worker and BDT 500 to all helpers.	
Evidence	Payroll record review, worker & management review.	

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SMETA Declaration

I declare that the audit underpinning the following report was conducted in accordance with SMETA Best Practice Guidance and SMETA Measurement Criteria.

- (1) Where appropriate non-compliances were raised against the ETI code / SMETA Additions & local law and recorded as non-compliances on both the audit report, CAPR and on Sedex.
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Auditor Team				
Lead Auditor:	Md Hasan	APSCA Number:	21703925	
Additional Auditors:	Md. Tanvir Hasan Khan		32200442	
	Akil Mahmud		32200701	
Date of declaration:	2023-10-14			

Note: The focus of this ethical audit is on the ETI Base Code and local law. The additional elements will not be audited in such depth or scope, but the audit process will still highlight any specific issues.

Site Representation		
Full Name:	Md. Fazlul Haque	
Title:	Director- Operation	
Date of declaration:	2023-10-14	

Comments:

Any exceptions to this must be recorded here (e.g. different sample size):

Sampled wage records from the past 5 months were provided for review (5 months only since the operation for digital thermometer just started last Sep 2020).

The audit took 2.0 man-days (9AM-6PM per day). Audit time was extended until 8PM due to the extent of documentation; this was agreed

upon with the factory representatives

None



Guidance on Root Cause

Explanation of the Root Cause Column

If a non-compliance is to be rectified by a corrective action which will also prevent the non-compliance re-occurring, it is necessary to consider whether a system change is required.

Understanding the root cause of the non-compliance is essential if a site is to prevent the issue reoccurring.

The root cause refers to the specific activity/ procedure or lack of activity /procedure which caused the non-compliance to arise. Before a corrective action can rectify the situation, it is important to find out the real cause of the non-compliance and whether a system change is necessary to ensure the issue will not arise again in the future.

Since this is a new addition, it is not a mandatory requirement to complete this column at this time. We hope to encourage auditors and sites to think about Root Causes and where they are able to agree, this column may be used to describe their discussion.

Some examples of finding a "root cause"

Example 1

Where excessive hours have been noted the real reason for these needs to be understood, whether due to production planning, bottle necks in the operation, insufficient training of operators, delays in receiving trims, etc.

Example 2

A non-compliance may be found where workers are not using PPE that has been provided to them. This could be the result of insufficient training for workers to understand the need for its use; a lack of follow-up by supervisors aligned to a proper set of factory rules or the fact that workers feel their productivity (and thus potential earnings) is affected by use of items such as metal gloves.

Example 3

A site uses fines to control unacceptable behaviour of workers.

International standards (and often local laws) may require that workers should not be fined for disciplinary reasons.

It may be difficult to stop fines immediately as the site rules may have been in place for some time, but to prevent the non-compliance re- occurring it will be necessary to make a system change.

The symptom is fines, but the root cause is a management system which may break the law. To prevent the problem re-occurring it will be necessary to make a system change for example the site could consider a system which rewards for good behaviour

Only by understanding the underlying cause can effective corrective actions be taken to ensure continuous compliance.

The site is encouraged to complete this section so as to indicate their understanding of the issues raised and the actions to be taken.

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