ICTI Ethical Toy Program – statement in response to China Labor Watch (Fair Toys Coalition) Report

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China Labor Watch (CLW) has published a report alleging poor labor standards at five toy factories. The CLW report is focussed on the following five factories in China:

- Wah Tung (Heyuan) Toys Products Ltd. (IETP Certified C000361)
- Dongguan KongXing Industry Co., Ltd. (IETP Certified C003195)
- Foshan Nanhai Mattel Precision Diecasting Co., Ltd. (IETP Certified C000202)
- Dongguan Wing Fai Foam Products Co., Ltd. (IETP Certified C003150)
- Everfront Plastic and Electronics Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (IETP Certified C010614)

Each of the five factories investigated in the CLW report holds a valid ICTI Ethical Toy Program Certificate. The Wah Tung (Heyuan) Toys Factory is currently on probation in our program as we support this factory to address issues identified during previous audits.

ICTI Ethical Toy Program (IETP) is dedicated to supporting the rights and well-being of factory workers. For 15 years, we have led action to raise ethical standards at factories and improve conditions for the millions of workers who contribute to the global toy supply chain.

All factories certified in our program have access to tools and training which helps them maintain compliance with our standard. Where a factory is struggling with compliance, we provide support which enables them to identify and address the root cause of any compliance failing, respond to business challenges and embed a continuous improvement culture.

IETP works in partnership with factories, brands, retailers, NGOs, and civil society groups to protect labor standards in countries where toys are manufactured, we welcome any robust investigation of working conditions at toy factories and will work with our members to take any required actions in response.

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If alerted to issues or allegations which compromise the rights and well-being of workers at factories in our program, our specialist teams working on the ground in China are available to immediately follow-up and investigate.

IETP’s follow-up investigation into the findings of the CLW report is now underway. This robust investigation will include a review of each CLW allegation, an analysis of existing audit data, factory visits to investigate allegations, and follow-up meetings with factory management.

IETP will work with each factory to quickly and effectively remedy any issues found to be in breach of our standard. Full details of our follow-up investigation findings will be published via the IETP website at www.ethicaltoyprogram.org/en/resources/publication-library/

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About ICTI Ethical Toy Program
ICTI Ethical Toy Program (IETP) is the independent, not-for-profit responsible sourcing program for the global toy industry. We work with factories, brands, retailers, and civil society groups to protect labor standards in countries where toys are manufactured, address common challenges, and improve supply chain standards. We provide ethical certification, training programs, tools and services which enable toy brands, retailers and manufacturers to drive standards in the toy supply chain.

We run in-factory worker well-being programs support thousands of workers employed at toy factories around the world, as well as a Worker Helpline in China which has supported over 16,000 factory workers since launch. Find out more about our work at www.ethicaltoyprogram.org

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