

Toward Achieving Zero Discharge: Pilot Study of Supplier Facility Chemical Use and Discharge December 2013

Levi Strauss & Co. (LS&Co.) is committed to minimizing the environmental impacts of its clothing manufacturing process. In line with the [Joint Roadmap toward Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals](#) and the precautionary principle, LS&Co. is committed to the goal of zero discharge of hazardous chemicals from all its products across all pathways of release in our supply chain by 2020.

Stringent requirements for chemical compliance have been an integral part of LS&Co.'s production process. In 2000, LS&Co. was one of the first companies to establish a [Restricted Substances List \(RSL\)](#), identifying chemicals that are prohibited in the manufacturing of our products.

As we advance our commitment to zero discharge of hazardous chemicals, LS&Co. is performing a benchmark study of chemical use and discharge of 11 priority groups of chemicals from a total of 45 supplier facilities located in key production markets (i.e., Mexico, China, India, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Vietnam, Egypt, Nicaragua and Lesotho).

The results will help to establish a baseline understanding of chemical use and discharge in order to focus capacity building, process change, and policy change with suppliers toward the goal of zero discharge of hazardous chemicals in the apparel industry. It also will help to understand how to organize and improve supplier transparency.

The following are the links to 25 supplier facility reports on chemical use and discharge.ⁱ The previous 16 reports can be found [here](#). LS&Co. will follow up with each of the 45 supplier facilities to discuss the findings of this report and outline actions to be taken by the facility to meet the goal of zero discharge of hazardous chemicals.

FACTORY REPORTSⁱⁱⁱⁱ

Bangladesh

- MBM Garments Ltd.

China

- Factory CH7
- Factory CH8
- Factory CH9
- Factory CH10
- Factory CH11
- Xinxiang Industrial Company Ltd

Egypt

- Factory EG1
- T&C Garments

India

- Factory IN4
- GO GO International Pvt Ltd
- Unitex Apparels Unit III
- Everblue Apparels Ltd
- Snow White Enterprises
- Malwa Industries

Lesotho

- Presitex Enterprises (Pty) Ltd
- Factory LE2

Nicaragua

- Factory NI1
- Factory NI2

Pakistan

- Crescent Bahuman Ltd (CBL)
- US Apparel & Textile Ltd
- Akhtar Textile Industries Ltd
- Nishat Mills Limited

Sri Lanka

- Sithro Garment Finishing
- Hirdaramani Mercury Apparel (Pvt) Ltd
- Hi Fashion Holdings (Pvt) Ltd
- Orit Apparels Lanka Pvt Ltd

Vietnam

- Factory VI1
- Factory VI2

ⁱ In preparing this facility report [these facility reports], LS&CO. has undertaken substantial efforts globally to provide, in a short time frame, information regarding various chemicals. While for any data point it is possible that the result is in error (e.g., because of laboratory cross-contamination), LS&Co. is hopeful that the data will nevertheless be useful in helping identify where these chemicals are being used, and thus be useful in the ongoing efforts to eliminate discharge of these chemicals. No one in reviewing these data should infer that, by making these data available or by taking steps to eliminate discharge of these chemicals, the company is admitting that a particular data point is accurate, representative, or toxicologically or environmentally significant.

ⁱⁱ Where we have permission from the supplier, we have disclosed its name, in addition to the location.