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CCHR publishes the Map of Garment Factory in Cambodia

[The Cambodian Center for Human Rights](#) (“CCHR”) publishes today – 30 June 2013 – a map of garment factories operating in Cambodia and their supply chains (the “Garment Factory Map”). The Garment Factory Map provides detailed profiles for each factory, including the factory’s location, the nationality of the owner, the types of products manufactured, the number of employees and, where available, the specific brands supplied. The information is gathered from official records of the Garment Manufacturers Association in Cambodia (“GMAC”) and from news media and relevant publications in Khmer or English.

The research conducted by CCHR found that at least 558 garment factories – which produce garments for local and international markets – are currently registered and operating in Cambodia, employing at least 475,107 workers. At least 95 of these factories produce and supply garments to major international brands such as Adidas, Calvin Klein, Clarks, H&M, Levi’s, Macy’s, Nike, Old Navy, Puma, Reebok, The Gap, Wal-Mart, and others. In a context of increasing protests about working conditions in garment factories throughout Cambodia, the Garment Factory Map is aimed at providing greater transparency regarding the ownership and supply chains of Cambodian garment factories.

The Garment Factory Map is accessible on the award-winning CCHR-hosted Cambodian Human Rights Portal (the “Sithi Portal”) at http://www.sithi.org/temp.php?url=bhr/bhr_list.php.

CCHR President Ou Virak comments:

“With an increasing number of protests over working conditions in garment factories and several recent accidents in factories, which have resulted in several deaths and injuries, there is a need for greater transparency regarding the ownership and the supply chains of Cambodia’s garment factories. While more work needs to be done to trace the supply chains for specific factories where human rights abuses are most prevalent, this map is a step in the right direction towards providing shareholders, consumers and all other interested parties with the necessary information about these factories and their suppliers. I hope that this map will help to increase public awareness of where and in what conditions their clothes are made and in doing so will help to reduce human rights violations associated with Cambodia’s garment sector in the long term.”

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Notes to Editor:

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The Cambodian Human Rights Portal www.sithi.org is the 2011 winner of the Information Society Innovation Fund Award in the category of Rights and Freedoms and the 2013 winner of the Communication for Social Change Award awarded by the Centre for Communication and Social Change at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia.