

Dear Sophie,

Thank you for sharing the two reports that are to be published later this year by DanWatch. We care deeply about the matters you have raised, and we sincerely appreciate the opportunity to share our views in advance of the publication of the reports.

First, we would like to emphasize that Samsung takes care to ensure our suppliers comply with our policies, local laws and international standards. Further, Samsung places great importance on the responsible procurement of minerals and we are partnering with international enterprises, NGOs and organizations to promote responsible minerals procurement in the supply chain. Additionally, Samsung has a zero tolerance policy on child labor and we work with our suppliers to ensure they uphold the highest international labor standards and do not use or support the use of child labor.

Please see below for our comments on the two reports:

1) Chinese Electronics Manufacturers

Samsung has no business relationship with any company in China that identifies itself by the name "Mingshuo Pegatron," "Hipro Electronics," "MSI" or "Taida Delta."

As a company that holds itself and its supplier companies to the highest standards, Samsung takes concerns about working conditions at its supplier companies very seriously. We continuously assess, improve, and monitor every aspect of working conditions at our supplier facilities to ensure that they meet our own high standards.

To ensure suppliers are fully compliant with our policies, we have contractual agreements with suppliers, and mandate adoption of codes of conduct. We also complete on-site inspections and require comprehensive documentation and management training. If we learn of any suspected concerns, we are prepared to immediately dispatch a team to the site to investigate.

2) Gold Supply Chain

We are committed to upholding the highest standards of corporate responsibility and continue to evaluate our sourcing policies and monitoring processes to ensure they comply with global standards associated with our industry.

Samsung Electronics regularly requires its suppliers to disclose their sourcing origins and has a strict ban on child labor, which is clearly outlined in our Supplier Code of Conduct.

Further, we recognize that the industry must continue to work to ensure responsible procurement of minerals to help address human rights violations, including the use of child labor, and environmental degradation caused by mining. To help play our part, we have joined forces with the EICC and are collaborating with other international enterprises, NGOs and organizations.

Once again, we appreciate the opportunity to present our perspective and work with you on these important matters.

Best Regards,
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.