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EICC Completes Successful Supplier Training Event in Shenzhen China

Washington, DC—The Electronics Industry Citizenship Coalition (EICC) completed a two-day training event to help China-based suppliers in the industry understand and conform to the EICC code of conduct. The event was held June 10-11 at the Novotel Bauhinia Hotel in Shenzhen, China.

“EICC is especially pleased with the results of the training event, the largest that EICC has hosted so far,” stated EICC Chairman John Gabriel. “The training events are an important first step to increase awareness of the EICC code of conduct, and to encourage its adoption throughout the global electronics supply chain.”

More than 220 employees from over 80 companies participated in the training. The event prepared suppliers for a new round of audits in China that EICC began this month. The audits measure conformance to the code of conduct, which covers worker health and safety, labor and environmental protections, and ethics. The event also allowed local training vendors to learn more about the code of conduct, and to promote their services to interested suppliers.

EICC provided a number of member company representatives and consultants to present training materials in English and Chinese. Topics presented included EICC standards for social and environmental performance, how to prepare for audits, and how to use E-TASC, a web-based tool that allows companies to compile labor, environmental, and workplace health and safety information in their operations and then share the information with customers and suppliers.

About EICC

EICC was established in 2004 to improve social, economic, and environmental conditions in the global electronics supply chain through use of a standardized code of conduct. EICC was incorporated in 2007 as an association to ensure greater awareness of the code, and to expand its adoption across the industry. EICC includes 40 global electronics companies.

The association developed a joint audit protocol with the Global e-Sustainability Initiative (GeSI) to measure conformance to the shared code of conduct. The joint audits can be used by EICC or GeSI member companies to reduce duplication. Under the system, suppliers that often have multiple customers can participate in a single validated audit rather than various audits with different criteria.

For more information or to view the EICC code of conduct, see <http://eicc.info>.

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