

## 2023 Zhen Ding Human Rights Due Diligence Report

## 1. Human rights policy

Zhen Ding supports international human rights standards. In compliance with the basic human rights principles such as the "United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights", the "United Nations Global Compact", the "United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights", and the "Responsible Business Alliance Code of Conduct", as well as the laws and regulations of each location where we operate worldwide, we have established the "Statement of Human Rights Policy of Zhen Ding Tech. Group " to protect the rights and interests of our employees.

## Applicable scope:

Applicable to all employees, subsidiaries, business partners, suppliers, and contractors of Zhen Ding Tech. Group.

## Human rights commitment:

- I. We firmly believe that respecting and protecting human rights is an important foundation for corporate sustainability.
- II. We take human rights issues into consideration in various aspects of our operations.
- III. We provide stakeholders with smooth communication channels.

## Management principles:

Zhen Ding formulated management regulations, conducts internal audits, and used the Responsible Business Alliance (RBA) Code of Conduct as the management framework. We carry out risk management for all plants worldwide through periodic administration of the Self-Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ) and Validated Audit Program (VAP), and thereby identify the human rights risks faced in our production operations.

## **Policy Statement:**

## • A safe and healthy work environment

Each operation site complies with labor and environmental laws and regulations set by the local competent authorities to ensure reasonable working conditions, as well as



a safe and healthy working environment for our employees.

## · Prohibition of forced labor, and human trafficking, and child labor

Forced or compulsory labor, human trafficking, and child labor are strictly prohibited. This includes work carried out involuntarily and through coercion due to intimidation, penalty, violence, including by security forces, restriction of movement, withholding wages, retention of identity or travel permits, or any threat of being disadvantaged.

All employment relationships at Zhen Ding and its value chain are based on voluntary participation and can be terminated at any time by the employees of their own free will and within a reasonable period of notice.

## • Equal employment, anti-discrimination, equal pay for equal work

Zhen Ding has a zero-tolerance policy for any form of discrimination. We are committed to creating and providing equal work opportunities without discrimination regardless of nationality, race, ethnicity, skin color, age, gender, gender identity, disability, pregnancy status, marital status, religion, political affiliation, and union status.

## • Zero violence and humane treatment in the workplace

Any form of violence or harassment, including sexual harassment, sexual abuse, physical punishment, physical or mental coercion, verbal abuse, and threats are strictly prohibited.

## Freedom of association and collective bargaining

By providing a workplace where our employees can freely express, share concerns or make suggestions, everyone has the right to form and join (or not join) union groups. We also respect employees' rights to bargain collectively and to engage in peaceful assemblies in accordance with related regulations.

## · Working hours and minimum wage

Working hours shall not exceed the maximum set by local laws or more than 60 hours per week (including overtime), except for emergencies or particular circumstances. Employees shall be allowed at least one day off every seven days. All overtime must be voluntary. Compensation paid to employees shall comply with the relevant local laws on wages including minimum wage requirements, overtime hours and legally mandated benefits.

## • Value chain responsibility

We expect our suppliers to share the same business mission and to operate in accordance with Zhen Ding's principles and requirements, as applicable. (e.g., Supplier Code of Conduct).

## • Effective Grievance Mechanism and Remediation



To effectively prevent and remediate adverse human rights impacts, we commit to ensuing access to grievance mechanism for workers and all stakeholders.

We provide an open platform through various communication channels to initiate an investigation process immediately upon receipt of a complaint, and to develop improvement plans and implement remedial measures to reduce risks in the event of human rights violations. We will treat the identity of the complainant and the content of the complaint confidentially and prohibit any discrimination, retaliation, threat or harassment of the complainant.

Internal communication: Employee Service Center, suggestion boxes, and Care Hotline

External communication: whistleblowing email: <u>zdt-report@zdtco.com</u>; whistleblowing website (<u>www.zdtco.com/tw/contact/report</u>); and whistleblowing hotline: +886 3 383-5678

We proactively provide and share information on how to access available grievance mechanisms throughout our organization and to our suppliers to ensure that our employees and other stakeholders are aware of how to submit any grievances, complaints or suggestions.

## Governance

The Sustainability Committee constituted by our Board members is committed to continuously enhance and uphold human rights by conducting regular reviews on Zhen Ding's overall operations, social responsibility, and environmental, safety and health performance.

## 2. Due diligence process

Zhen Ding periodically carries out human rights due diligence according to the PDCA process to assess human rights risks and potential impacts. We conduct RBA risk assessments for employees and the supply chain. We use a risk matrix with quantifiable degree of impact and frequency of occurrence for risk assessment of employees. For suppliers, we established human rights investigation and evaluation tools based on RBA, in order to understand important risks in the supply chain. If any human rights risks, potential impacts, or violations of human rights are found during human rights due diligence, we actively take corresponding mitigation or remedial measures. By assessing and identifying human rights risks, potential impacts or violations through human rights due diligence, and evaluating the effectiveness of human rights governance, the Company also reviews the "Statement of Human Rights Policy of Zhen Ding Tech. Group " regulations or procedures, and ensures the implementation of human rights protection is more comprehensive.



Disclosing human rights management information on the company website

Continued supervision of measures and results

Implement mitigation and improvement according to the contents of improvement plans



Using RBA SAQ and RBA VAP to assess human rights risks and the degree of impact

Identify human rights risks in operating activities and the degree of impact

Formulate improvement plans for issues that are more easily exposed to risk issues based on survey results



## Human rights risk identification results:

Frequency				_
High			Work hour management	
Medium	<ul> <li>Discrimination, diversity, and tolerance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Occupational health and safety and environment</li> <li>Freedom of occupation choice</li> <li>Sexual harassment</li> <li>Equal pay and equal work</li> <li>Forced labor and human trafficking</li> <li>Women protection</li> </ul>		
Low	<ul> <li>Child labor</li> <li>Freedom of association and collective bargaining right</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Data privacy and safety</li> <li>Liberty and security</li> <li>Water resource management</li> <li>Air pollution and noise</li> </ul>	Responsible purchasing of minerals	
	Low	Medium	High	Impact

## Assessment mechanisms for material human rights issues:

Target	Major human rights issues	Impact assessment mechanisms	Actual Operating Conditions
Employees	Occupational health and safety and	RBA SAQ	1. RBA conducts regular re-certification audits every two years. 2.
	environment	RBA VAP	Customers conduct annual audits of various systems and
	Work hour management	Customer audits	quality regularly every year to ensure normal operation.
	Freedom of occupation choice	ISO 45001	3. Conduct employee satisfaction surveys every year to listen to
	Sexual harassment	Employee satisfaction	employees in a timely manner and make continuous
	Equal pay and equal work	Evaluation of laws and regulations and	improvements.
	Forced labor and human trafficking	compliance	4. Regularly update employee human rights protection practices



	Discrimination, diversity, and tolerance		in accordance with relevant laws and regulations to comply with
	Liberty and security		regulations.
	Child labor		
	Women Protection		
Supplier/	Occupational health and safety	Supplier risk assessment questionnaire	Conduct SER risk assessments for all transactional suppliers
Contractor	Work hour management	RBA SAQ	every year. Suppliers are classified and managed based on the
	Freedom of occupation choice	RBA VAP	assessment results (high/medium/low risk). High-risk suppliers
	Equal pay and equal work	On-site audit	are included in the annual audit plan. In 2023, 39 suppliers were
			audited. Among which, 28 suppliers obtained the green rating, 11
			suppliers obtained the yellow rating, and there were no instances
			where suppliers were rated as red based on the audit results,
			leading to a suspension of business transactions due to failed
			improvements.
	Responsible purchasing of minerals	Conflict minerals investigation	Conduct two CMRT/EMRT/PRT surveys for all transactional sup-
			pliers every year. Additionally, the SER annual audit will verify the
			actual implementation status of the suppliers.
Customer	Data privacy and safety	Information security audit	1. An Information Security Committee has been established to
		ISO27001 certification	conduct regular ICT security audits and inspections.
			2. ISO 27001 internal and external audits of the information
			security system are conducted regularly every year.
Communities	Water resource management	Plant monitoring	Each campus conducts monthly self-sampling and testing of the
	Air pollution and noise		water environment in the surrounding main river basins to ensure
			the health and sustainability of the water bodies around the
			Company and surrounding communities.
			Conduct regular independent and outsourced testing of various
			exhaust gas emissions every year to ensure compliance with
			regulations.



## 3. Human Rights Risk Mitigation and Remediation Measures

The following mitigation and remediation measures for all major human rights issues apply to all Zhen Ding campuses:

Target	Material Human Rights Issues	Mitigation Measures	Re	emedial Measures
Employees	[Occupational health and	1. Each manufacturing site implements the ISO 45001	1.	Formulated handling measures for occupational injury
	safety and environment]	Occupational Health and Safety Management System.		and accident reporting and investigations.
		Zhen Ding's occupational health and safety policy and	2.	Regular drills and exercises are conducted, and the
		system is established in accordance with RBA and		results and outcomes of these exercises are summarized
		relevant occupational health and safety laws and		and reviewed.
		regulations.	3.	Appropriate and legally compliant labor protection
		2. Multiple training and education channels.		equipment is provided to employees in various work
		3. The Company conducts monthly safety committee		environments.
		meetings to review any safety anomalies that occur	4.	Enhance the promotion and regulations regarding the
		within the Company. Each plant holds monthly meetings		wearing of personal protective equipment (PPE) by
		to analyze and discuss the causes and improvement		on-site employees, and ensure that site management
		measures for safety anomalies that occurred within the		personnel conduct regular inspections of employees'
		respective plant during that month.		PPE usage.
		4. Regular occupational risk factor tests for employee	5.	Conduct regular occupational health checkups for
		workplaces.		employees working in hazardous positions.
	[Work hour management]	Zhen Ding complies with the "United Nations Universal	1.	Zhen Ding stipulated the Statement of Human Rights
	[Freedom of choice for	Declaration of Human Rights", the "United Nations Global		Policy.
	selecting an occupation]	Compact", the "United Nations Guiding Principles on	2.	Periodically review and revise various management
	[Sexual harassment]	Business and Human Rights", and the "Responsible		measures each year to continuously improve the
	[Equal pay and equal	Business Alliance Code of Conduct", as well as the laws		systems and procedures.

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work]	and regulations of each location where we operate	3.	Conduct internal and external audits each year, including
[Forced labor and human	worldwide. We regularly review the implementation of the		customer audits and RBA VAP audits, and implement
trafficking]	"Statement of Human Rights Policy of Zhen Ding Tech.		optimizations and improvements accordingly.
[Discrimination, diversity,	Group " to protect the rights and interests of our employees.	4.	Through "identity verification of applicants in recruitment
and tolerance]	[Work hour management]		operations" and facial recognition and card swiping
[Personal freedom and	According to the "Process for Working Time and Employee		through the personnel system, employees' identities are
safety]	Overtime" and requirements of the RBA, the Company		confirmed to prevent child labor.
[Child labor]	strictly controls the working hours system and its	5.	Use the early warning system to promptly remind and
[Women protection	implementation.		prevent employees from working overtime and
(Female Employees)]	[Freedom to choose occupation]		implement working hours monitoring.
	The "Process for Humanistic Management" SOP is	6.	Pay employees' remuneration in accordance with all
	formulated to ensure that all employees work voluntarily.		remuneration-related laws, including minimum wage and
	[Sexual harassment]		overtime pay.
	Formulated the "Prevention of Sexual Harassment and	7.	To keep the Company's general salary offers competitive,
	Discrimination Management Regulations" to prevent sexual		we plan and review remuneration policies of the
	harassment. Annual regular training assessments at all		Company's manufacturing campuses according to
	levels and monthly on-site audits through random visits or		changes in the external economic environment. We also
	telephone interviews.		draft salary adjustment plans as needed by reviewing the
	[Wages and benefits]		salary survey reports provided by professional consulting
	The Company provides a remuneration management		companies and measuring the salary levels of the local
	system that is externally competitive and internally		market of each manufacturing campus.
	reasonable. In addition to paying monthly salary, the	8.	The Company has established a variety of
	Company also gives out various types of monetary rewards,		communication channels for employees to file complaints
	including year-end performance bonuses, bonuses for		at any time. The situation is investigated and handled in a
	continuous services, employee bonus, and monetary		timely manner based on the feedback. There were 0
	rewards for innovative research and development and for		complaints of harassment and discrimination in 2023.



## proposing improvement ideas.

## [Forced labor and human trafficking]

Established the "Process for Humanistic Management" SOP. Conduct annual training on the prohibition of forced labor and human trafficking for recruiters and employees. Set up a working hour early warning function in the attendance system to review and control employees' working hours on a daily basis. Annual regular training assessments at all levels and monthly on-site audits through random visits or telephone interviews.

#### [Non-discrimination, diversity, and tolerance]

The Company respects diversity and inclusion, and strictly abides by equal treatment. We are committed to creating and providing equal work opportunities without discrimination regardless of nationality, race, ethnicity, skin color, age, gender, gender identity, disability, pregnancy status, marital status, religion, political affiliation, and union status.

## [Personal freedom and safety]

Formulated the "Process for Humanistic Management" and "Process for Employee 's Safety Operation Management'" to ensure the freedom of movement and safety of employees during operations.

## [Women Protection]

Establish the "Special Group Protection Operation Method" to ensure fair treatment and non-discrimination against

- The Company stipulated the "Employee Handbook", which ensures employees' freedom of association and collective bargaining rights. The Company's daily operations are performed in accordance to the law.
- 10. Zhen Ding values diversity and inclusion, focusing on women's issues and respecting employees' personal pursuits. We welcome more women to join us. For female workers, we provide nutritious meals during pregnancy and issue care cards for personalized services. Each facility has a nursing room, and breastfeeding employees can leave work one hour early daily. We offer multiple birth subsidies and an additional full-paid day off beyond the legally mandated maternity leave to celebrate the newborn. After returning to work post-childbirth, female employees receive a care package from the company.



		fen	nale workers, providing protection for women's rights,		
		hea	alth, and welfare in accordance with the law.		
Supplier/contra	[Occupational health and	1.	Established the "Procedure for Supplier Social	1.	Conduct supplier audits and track improvements every
ctor	safety]		Responsibility Management" to identify the risk levels of		year.
			suppliers and conduct audits and implement controls	2.	Conduct supplier education and training.
			based on the risk levels. This approach aims to mitigate		
			SER risks associated with suppliers.		
		2.	Sign the "Health and Safety Commitment Letter" with		
			suppliers to inform them of the Company's occupational		
			health management requirements.		
	[Work hour management]	1.	To address human rights risks in the supply chain, the	1.	Conduct irregular random audits and RBA SAQ ratings
	[Freedom of choice for		Company conducts annual audits of its suppliers to		on suppliers.
	selecting an occupation]		prevent the occurrence of risks.	2.	Require suppliers to implement improvement measures
	[Remuneration and	2.	By providing education and training to suppliers, the		for human rights risks and continuously track the level of
	benefits]		Company instills the importance of labor rights and		improvement.
			instructs them on practical implementation methods,	3.	3. Suppliers are required to provide compensation
			helping to mitigate human rights risks in advance.		measures such as "counseling" or "policy modifications
					for employees who have suffered human rights
					violations.
Supplier/	[Responsible	1.	Suppliers are required to sign a commitment letter,	1.	An annual supplier audit plan is executed to conduct
contractor	procurement of minerals]		confirming their compliance with Zhen Ding's Conflict		audits on conflict minerals within the supply chain.
			Minerals Policy and ensuring accurate and complete	2.	Conduct Reasonable Country of Origin Inquiry and due
			disclosure of the smelters in their supply chain.		diligence for suitable conflict mineral suppliers.
		2.	Supplier investigations are conducted using the Conflict	3.	3. Disclose information related to conflict minerals
			Minerals Reporting Template (CMRT) to identify the		management on the company website every year.
			sources of 3TG minerals in the supply chain.		



Customers	[Data privacy and	I. In accordance with the Taiwan Personal Data Protection 1. Zhen Ding conducts annual information security audits
l	security]	Act and relevant personal data protection regulations and internal reviews to ensure that our information
l		applicable in other operational regions, Zhen Ding systems and network environments comply with security
l		ensures compliance operations for its employees and implementation standards. The Company strictly
l		collaborating vendors. Together, they are committed to enforces information security policies and customer
		maintaining the security of personal data to safeguard privacy protection measures to safeguard the
		the rights and interests of customers and other confidentiality of business secrets and customer data,
		individuals whose personal data is involved. preventing any unauthorized disclosure.
		2. To ensure the security of business partners such as 2. If, through investigation, it is found that Zhen Ding
		customers and operational-related information assets, a employees or suppliers are indeed involved in violations
		"Information Security Management Policy" is of privacy rights and personal data protection policies, or
l		established as a basis for management. violations of applicable privacy rights and personal data
		B. For Zhen Ding employees and suppliers who engage in protection regulations, immediate review and
l		transactions with customers, their awareness of improvement measures will be implemented to enhance
l		relevant privacy, personal data protection, and management practices. AT the same time, the Company
		information security regulations is strengthened through will communicate with customers to assess
		the dissemination of compliance management compensation measures on a case-by-case basis.
l		guidelines and training, thereby enhancing their 3. Individuals involved in misconduct or violations will be
		understanding of and compliance with applicable disciplined in accordance with applicable disciplinary
		regulations. regulations.
Communities	[Water Resource	Water resource management] [Water resource management]
	Management]	Each of Zhen Ding's key manufacturing sites in China Zhen Ding actively improves the amount of wastewater
	[Air pollution and noise]	conducts AWS system audit and certification every year. reused after wastewater treatment and increases the water
		Annual water risk identification and assessment are carried reuse rate year by year. In addition, each of Zhen Ding's
		out, and we use the Water Risk Filter AWS, a regional water manufacturing site are striving for more water supply from
l		crisis scoring system of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), to outside, and has built emergency water tanks within the sites

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	analyze the water risk in the regional watersheds, and all	to ensure emergency water needs as a priority.
	sites have low risks and have no water-related impacts. In	Simultaneously, an emergency water supply is also in place,
	addition, we use the WRI Aqueduct Water Risk Atlas water	ensuring multiple sources of water.
	assessment tool to simulate and test the water stress of	[Air pollution]
	each site by analyzing the baseline and the worst-case	Zhen Ding implements atmospheric pollution reduction and
	scenarios. The results of the simulation analysis are	prevention through the three aspects of manufacturing,
	incorporated into the operational resilience strategy. Each	prevention, and detection. On the manufacturing end, clean
	campus monitors the water environment of the surrounding	raw materials, intensive collection of pollution sources, and
	main river basins and conducts self-sampling and testing	optimization of processes are employed to reduce the
	every month to ensure the health and sustainability of the	generation of air pollutants. In the prevention aspect,
	surrounding water bodies. Ensure that the water usage and	scrubbers, dust collectors, activated carbon adsorption, and
	water quality for the surrounding communities are prioritized	continuous development/introduction of other technologies
	and not affected by the company's operations.	are utilized for the treatment of end-of-pipe pollutants. Lastly,
	[Air pollution]	in the detection aspect, regular outsourced testing is
	Zhen Ding introduces innovative technologies integrated	conducted to ensure compliance with the emission standards
	with waste gas scrubber, dust collector, and activated	for atmospheric pollutants.
	carbon to reduce the emission of air pollutants. Every year,	[Noise]
	we regularly conduct or outsource tests and continue to	Zhen Ding identifies the sources of noise and implements
	track various pollutant monitoring data to ensure that our	improvements for specific sources of noise. Soundproofing
	gas emissions are compliant with law and kept within the	facilities are installed to achieve noise reduction.
	emission standards.	
	[Noise]	
	Zhen Ding conducts plant area noise monitoring according	
	to the laws and regulations of the location of each plant.	
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## 4. Implementation and Results

Zhen Ding discloses the implementation status and results in the human rights due diligence report, and tracks and analyzes value chain due diligence, including human rights risk identification and the implementation and effectiveness of mitigation measures and remedial measures.

## • Situation of Internal Inspections

The Company's Social and Environmental Responsibility (SER) Committee inspects the internal implementation status through periodic internal and third party reviews. The due diligence reports of internal audits include internal commitments, human rights programs, and improvement goals. We follow review procedures of the RBA SAQ and VAP, and periodically conduct internal and external reviews of manufacturing sites. Our purpose is to ensure the completeness and appropriateness of sustainability measures and human rights management. Audit procedures clearly summarize the process, principles, and cycle of each audit and improvement measures. The RBA Code of Conduct provides standards for labor, health and safety, environmental protection, and business ethics. The Company follows these guiding principles and arranges for departments to audit each other every year. If there are any non-conforming items, a solution is proposed and improvements are made within the time limit. The achievement and improvement of performance indicators, such as labor, ethics, environment, safety, and health, are reviewed during management meetings each year to ensure that the Company fulfills its corporate social responsibility. Human rights questionnaire surveys are also periodically conducted on external value chain partners (customers, suppliers, contractors, and local communities).

## Situation of External Inspections

Zhen Ding requires suppliers to sign a written commitment to management based on the basic guidelines set forth in the RBA Code of Conduct applicable to suppliers. We also established RBA management regulations. We established human rights investigation and evaluation tools based on the RBA, main contents include: prohibiting the use of child labor, protecting human rights, prohibiting discrimination, equal treatment, statutory work hours, remuneration and benefits, code of ethics, and environmental management, in order to understand important risks of the supply chain. We conduct a survey at least once every three years. Customer satisfaction is an important basis for Zhen Ding's continuous improvement of products and services. The Company conducts a customer satisfaction survey at least once a year to continue monitoring, analyzing, and understanding customers. We analyze items that customers were dissatisfied with and take corrective and preventive action to achieve the highest customer satisfaction possible. The Company actively encourages related parties and industry advocates to periodically conduct inspections to help identify, prevent, or mitigate adverse effects on business.

• Situation of disclosures



Zhen Ding discloses information on its due diligence policy and process, including providing human rights due diligence reports or sustainability reports on the official website. These reports are sufficient for the value chain to identify and resolve actual or potential adverse effects. All information is disclosed on the official website in Chinese and English versions for visitors. We have channels for timely communication with rights owners that have been impacted or potentially may be impacted by the human rights impacts we cause or facilitate.