

ALL ISSUES AGAINST FORCED LABOUR RESOLVED, SAYS TOP GLOVE

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PETALING JAYA: The world's largest glove maker said it has resolved all 11 International Labour Organization (ILO) indicators of forced labour.

Top Glove Corp Bhd said this was verified by Impactt, an independent consultant, in its report last Thursday.

In March, Top Glove said it had hired Impactt to monitor the implementation of its "corrective action plans" and other remedial steps and found no evidence of "systemic forced labour" as of January.

While forced labour indicators such as restriction of movement, excessive overtime and withholding of wages were no longer present as of January, Impactt said “further progress” had been made with regard to other indicators such as retention of identity documents, abusive working and living conditions, deception, debt bondage, physical and sexual violence and intimidation.

With these resolved, the company assured stakeholders of its continued efforts to improve the welfare of its employees.

“We remain committed to being the best company that we can become, ensuring high-quality welfare, health, safety, working conditions and living accommodation of our 21,000-strong workforce,” it said in a statement.

Top Glove managing director Lee Kim Meow was reported to have said recently that once all 11 indicators had been resolved, the company would engage with the US Customs and Border Protection to lift the withhold release order (WRO) against its products.