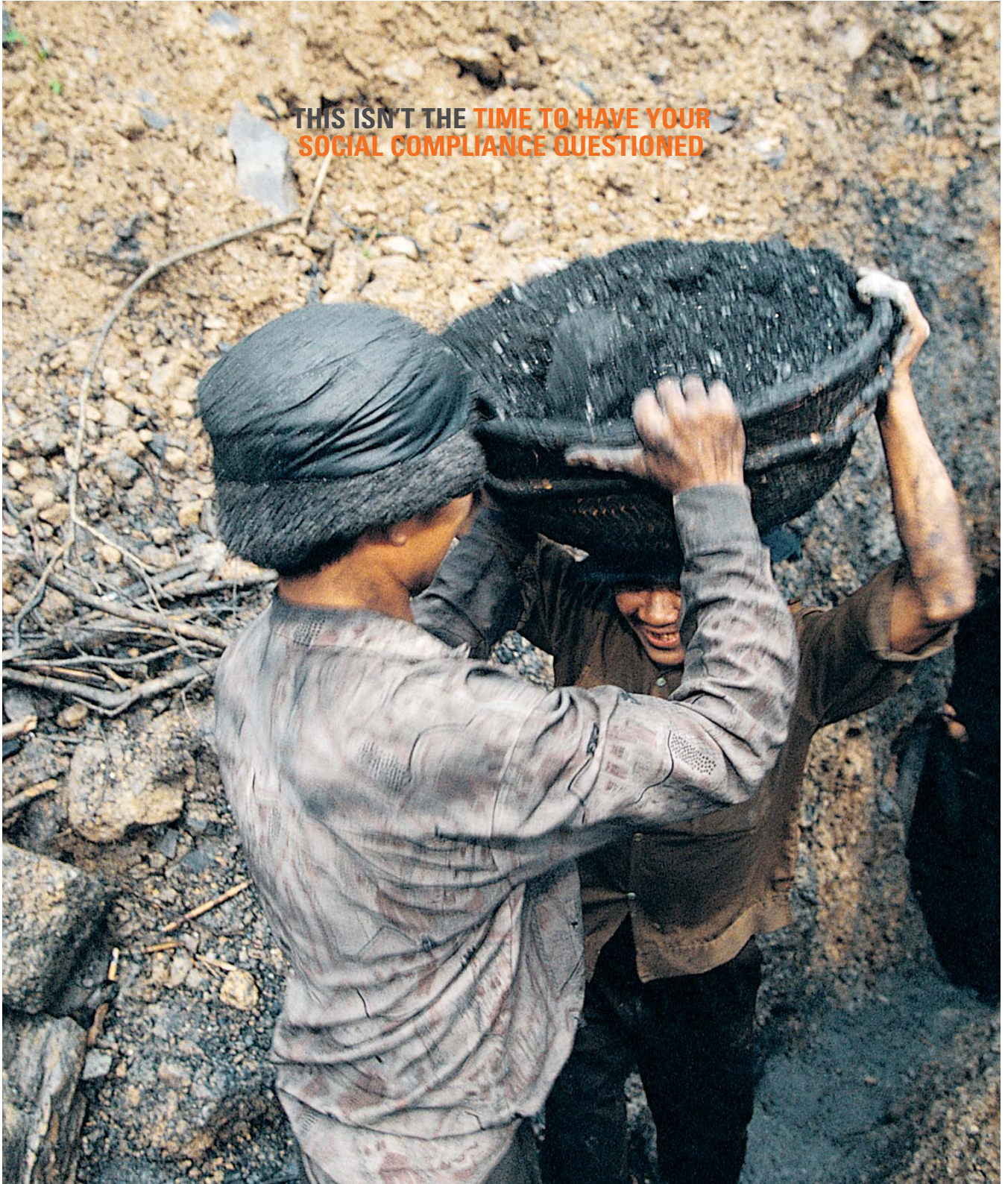


**THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO HAVE YOUR
SOCIAL COMPLIANCE QUESTIONED**



DEMONSTRATE YOUR COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY



With a steady rise in the number of corporate scandals, companies recognise the need to consider the effects corporate activities and policies can have on their reputations and markets. Companies wanting to maintain good reputations have to think carefully about the social impact of their operations, in addition to the conditions under which employees and business partners operate. This means controlling and putting into practice the respect and promotion of human rights for all workers throughout the whole supply, production and distribution chain.

PROOF THAT YOU ARE COMMITTED TO YOUR EMPLOYEES AND CUSTOMERS

SA 8000 certification enables you to demonstrate your commitment to social accountability and employee/customer satisfaction. What's more, it's part of continuously improving your corporate image.

SA 8000 is an international certification standard that encourages organisations to develop, maintain and apply socially acceptable practices in the workplace. It was created in 1989 by Social Accountability International (SAI),

an affiliate of the Council on Economic Priorities, and is viewed as the most globally acceptable independent workplace standard. It can be applied to any company, of any size, in any part of the world. The areas it addresses include forced and child labour, health and safety, freedom of association and collective bargaining, discrimination, disciplinary practices, working hours, compensation and management systems.

As well as setting standards for workers worldwide, SA 8000 also embraces existing international agreements including conventions from the International Labour Organisation, the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

THE BENEFITS OF SA 8000

The international reputation SA 8000 brings is a boost to any company's reputation and credibility. It proves your company's ethics and values with regards to employee well-being, business partners and customers. At the same time, it can improve the management and performance of your supply chain. SA 8000 allows you to ensure compliance with global standards and reduces the risk of malpractice, public exposure and possible litigation. Demonstrating a real commitment to social accountability can transform your corporate image and reinforce loyalties among employees, customers and stakeholders, which in turn impacts the quality of your working environment as well as productivity.

Certifying your management systems against SA 8000 through SGS will help your organisation develop and improve social accountability. Your SA 8000 certificate from SGS enables you to demonstrate proper social accountability when bidding for international contracts or expanding locally to accommodate new business.

WHY SGS?

Our global brand is built upon our presence in 75 countries with over 80 000 certificates globally. SGS is the world's

leading certification body in diverse standards, including SA 8000, ISO 9001:2000, ISO 14001:2004 and food safety management systems.

As one of the original companies accredited by SAI to provide SA 8000 certifications, SGS has a substantial track record in terms of social accountability in addition to 125 years history of public and customer trust. Furthermore, SGS does not engage in any activities or services, which might compromise its independence and neutrality.

Audits are a tool to improve the efficiency of your processes, i.e. increase your profitability. Audit services are not only a measurement tool but also a building block of your continuous improvement systems. They recognise the efforts of all, show how far the organisation has already travelled and materialise the impetus of your business. The SGS approach is transparent and logical, which is why we become your partner towards improvement and in meeting your business objectives.

We do not turn audits into the simple filling-in of a checklist and checking of your document systems. Our auditors are trained the "SGS way"; they listen to the client and are objective and ethical at all times.

Our network of experienced auditors identifies the Corrective Action Requirements (CAR) in a consistent manner, globally. Our auditors are trained on multiple standards and can perform integrated audits when needed.

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