



## Press Release

# **International Call to Action: G-Star Must Ensure Fair Deal for FFI workers *December 17 Action Day in 12 Countries, Spanning Four Continents***

### For immediate release

Amsterdam, December 14, 2007 - On December 17, 2007 human rights, labour rights and consumer organisations across the globe will join hands in an international action day calling on G-Star to guarantee that workers making G-Star jeans don't suffer from the unethical actions of its supplier.

Since 2005, G-Star supplier Fibres and Fabrics International Pvt. Ltd. (FFI) and its subsidiary Jeans Knit Pvt. Ltd. (JKPL) have used the courts to suppress local civil society groups from reporting on labour conditions. When the Clean Clothes Campaign and the India Committee of the Netherlands (ICN) decried the harassment of the Indian human and labour rights organisations, FFI filed suit against them, as well as internet service provider Antenna and CCC's adsl provider Xs4all. On December 1, 2007 an Indian court ordered the arrest of seven members of the CCC and ICN.

G-Star, the principal client of FFI/JKPL, finally joined other brands in severing its business relationship with FFI/JKPL on December 6.

"While this is a positive step in the right direction," said Tessel Pauli of the Clean Clothes Campaign, "G-Star must now make good on its promise of ethical treatment of workers by developing a responsible exit strategy that makes the employment of FFI/JKPL employees its top priority."

Actions will take place in the following countries: Australia, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Netherlands, Romania, Spain, Sweden, UK, and USA.

For additional details on the demands to G-Star, see:

<http://www.cleanclothes.org/urgent/07-12-11.htm>

For background information on the FFI/JKPL case, see:

<http://www.cleanclothes.org/urgent/ffi.htm>

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*The Clean Clothes Campaign is an international network of trade unions and NGOs that aims to improve conditions and empower workers in the global garment industry.*