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Statement by FLA Board of Directors on Status of Russell Corporation

On June 25, 2009, the Fair Labor Association (FLA) Board of Directors adopted a resolution placing Russell Corporation on a 90-day period of special review. On June 29, 2009, the FLA issued a remediation plan. As part of the remediation process, Russell Corporation and the Honduras-based CGT union federation are engaging in ongoing negotiations. The Board of Directors has received requests from the CGT union and Russell, as well as other stakeholders, to extend the review period so that these negotiations and the overall remediation process can continue. The Board of Directors has reviewed an independent verification report of October 19, 2009, which was commissioned by the FLA to evaluate Russell Corporation's implementation of its remediation plan. This report confirms what we have heard from the parties engaged in the negotiation process: progress is being made. Based on this evidence, the Board has decided that it is appropriate to extend the current special review period another 45 days. Further, because the report discloses information about the ongoing confidential negotiations, we will defer publication of the report until the conclusion of negotiations. At the conclusion of the 45-day special review period, the Board will reassess Russell's status with the FLA.