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Fiskars is a Finnish company of long standing which is best known for its household and gardening tools, especially scissors and brands of knife which include Kitchen Devils. The core parent company has an unremarkable ethical record, with poor environmental and social reporting, possible involvement in unsustainable forestry operations on its estates in Finland and oppressive regimes records for its sales operations in Russia and the USA and, increasingly, for manufacturing operations in China, where it has controversially moved some of its factories in recent years, along with many other consumer goods manufacturers chasing lower wages and working conditions.

It is Fiskars' subsidiary companies where some more controversial references arise. Its fully-owned US subsidiary Gerber is a manufacturer of hunting and military knives and equipment, which boasts on its website that one of its models was the most popular soldiers' weapon knife during the Vietnam War, and sells a range of hunting accessories such as torches designed to show up blood so that wounded animals can be more easily located and killed. The company is a significant supplier of weapon knives to the US military.

Fiskars also owns a c.30% stake in Wartsila, a major Finnish engineering firm. It has records for the building of military ships, including attack ships, aircraft carriers and submarines and for the manufacture of power supplies and other machinery for the nuclear power industry. In addition, it also builds oil and gas tankers and other machinery and equipment for land and sea oil drilling, all of which are activities which contribute considerable to the problem of climate change.
Database records

Environmental

Company: Fiskars AB OY
Category: Habitats & Resources
Involved in Finnish forestry (2007)
According to the Fiskars company website www.fiskars.fi, viewed by ECRA in July 2007, Fiskars had real
estate operations in Finland which included control of over 15,000 acres of real estate which included large
areas of forestry operations which were used commercially. No indication was given that the timber
produced was certified by the FSC or any other monitor of sustainable forestry.
Reference: Fiskars AB OY Corporate Communications: www.fiskars.fi (11 July 2007)

People

Company: Fiskars AB OY
Category: Human Rights
Subsidiaries in three oppressive regimes (2007)
According to the Fiskars company website www.fiskars.fi, viewed by ECRA in July 2007, Fiskars had
subsidiaries in the following countries regarded by ECRA at that time as having oppressive regimes:
China, Russia, the USA.
Reference: Fiskars AB OY Corporate Communications: www.fiskars.fi (11 July 2007)

Company: Gerber Legendary Blades
Category: Armaments
Sale of small weapons to the military (2007)
According to the company website www.gerbergear.com, viewed by ECRA in July 2007, Gerber
Legendary Blades sold a range of knives and cutting equipment designed for military use, with the
indication that the company was a regular military supplier with US National Stock Numbers.
Animals

Company: Gerber Legendary Blades
Category: Other Animal Rights
Sale of hunting products (2007)
According to the company website www.gerbergear.com, viewed by ECRA in July 2007, Gerber Legendary Blades sold a range of equipment for hunting and bloodsports, including designated hunting knives and torches with beams designed to spotlight blood so that wounded animals could be more easily killed.

Wartsila database references

Environmental

Company: Wartsila
Category: Environmental Reporting
Best ECRA rating for environmental reporting (2007)
A search was made on Wartsila's corporate website in 2007 for environmental reporting data. The company's 2006 Annual Report was found to contain a Sustainability Report which incorporated targets for internal environmental improvements to company performance and to improvements in the environmental performance of the company's products, such as reducing carbon and pollutant emissions from engines. The report was found to have been verified by KPMG.

Company: Wartsila
Category: Climate Change
Provision of services to climate change industry (2007)
According to the company website www.wartsila.com, viewed by ECRA in July 2007, Wartsila was a provider of services and equipment to the oil and gas industry, one which was considered by ECRA to make substantial contributions to climate change emissions. The equipment mainly consisted of power solutions for oil and gas exploration, production, storage and refining, and the manufacture of oil and gas tankers.

Company: Wartsila
Category: Environmental Reporting
Independent praise for environmental report (2002)
Wartsila Corporation, a Finnish energy company, won the 2002 'Best first-time report' at the European Environmental Reporting Awards.

Company: Wartsila
Category: Nuclear Power
Manufacture of nuclear equipment (2007)
According to the 2007 issue of the World Nuclear Industry Handbook, Wartsila's French division was a supplier of standby generators to the nuclear industry.
People

Company: Wartsila
Category: Armaments
Manufacture of naval vessels (2007)
According to the company website www.wartsila.com, viewed by ECRA in July 2007, Wartsila manufactured and sold a range of military marine vessels, including combat vessels, naval support vessels, air craft carriers and submarines.

Company: Wartsila
Category: Human Rights
Operations in 11 oppressive regimes (2007)
According to the company website www.wartsila.com, viewed by ECRA in July 2007, Wartsila had operations for sales or manufacturing purposes in the following countries regarded by ECRA as having oppressive regimes: China, Egypt, Guatemala, Indonesia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Russia, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, the USA and Vietnam.

Politics

Company: Wartsila
Category: Political Activities
Membership of ICC lobby group (2007)
The website of the International Chamber of Commerce (www.iccwbo.org), viewed on 16th May 2007, listed Wartsila Corporation as a member. According to the ICC, it had "direct access to national governments all over the world through its national committees"; "speaks for world business when governments take up such issues as intellectual property rights, transport policy, trade law or the environment"; "At UN summits on sustainable development, financing for development and the information society, ICC spearheads the business contribution." ECRA noted that the activity of lobby groups such as the ICC often meant that business interests were protected at the expense of the environmental and human rights.

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