



“Will Slave Labor Disrupt the Supply Chain?”



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DECLINING

Bob, thank you for reaching out to Allen (Waugerman) on this opportunity. We are unable to participate in the panel discussion but appreciate the invitation.

Regards,
 Sherlyn Manson
 Director Global Communications
 Lexmark

Ninestar was invited to participate, acknowledged the invitation, however, failed to respond.

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LEXMARK STATEMENT



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SLAVE LABOR

- 5.771 million Uyghurs, Kazakhs, Muslim Minorities Enslaved
- Reeducation, Poverty Alleviation, Mandatory Work Assignments, Political Indoctrination
- China Government Subsidies
- Artificial Flowers, Bricks, Christmas Decorations, Coal, Cotton, Electronics, Fireworks, Fish, Footwear, Garments, Gloves, Hair Products, Nails, Polysilicon, Textiles, Thread/Yarn, Tomato Products, Toys
- June 9, 2023, NINESTAR

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PROHIBITED COMPANIES

- Ninestar
- Zhuhai Ninestar Information Technology Co. Ltd.
- Zhuhai Pantum Electronics Co. Ltd.
- Zhuhai Apex Microelectronics Co. Ltd.
- Geehy Semiconductor Co. Ltd.
- Zhuhai Pu-Tech Industrial Co. Ltd.
- Zhuhai G&G Digital Technology Co.
- Ltd. Zhuhai Seine Printing Technology Co. Ltd.
- Zhuhai Ninestar Management Co. Ltd.
- **Brand Names: Lemero, MyCartridge, Ziprint, G&G (52 More?)**

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THE LAW

- Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act
- Enforced by Department of Homeland Security-Forced Labor Enforcement Task Force
- Tariff Act 1930; “All work or service which is exacted from any person under the menace of any penalty for its nonperformance and for which the worker does not offer himself voluntarily.”
- Rebuttable Presumption-None of Previous 21 Entities Removed

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REACTIONS

- **Ninestar**
- **Lexmark, Static Control**
- **Uyghur Forced Labor Disclosure Act-US House of Representatives**
- **Universal Industry Condemnation**
- **ML Products**
- **Business Technology Association**
- **International Imaging Technology Council**

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THE NINESTAR CHALLENGE

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE

NINESTAR CORPORATION, ZHUHAI NINESTAR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CO., LTD., ZHUHAI PANTUM ELECTRONICS CO., LTD., ZHUHAI APEX MICROELECTRONICS CO., LTD., GEEHY SEMICONDUCTOR CO., LTD., ZHUHAI G&G DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY CO., LTD., ZHUHAI SEINE PRINTING TECHNOLOGY CO., LTD., and ZHUHAI NINESTAR MANAGEMENT CO., LTD.
Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY; UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION; FORCED LABOR ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE; ALEJANDRO MAYORKAS, *in his official capacity as the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security*; TROY A. MILLER, *in his official capacity as the Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Commissioner for U.S. Customs and Border Protection*; and ROBERT SILVERS, *in his official capacity as Under Secretary for Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans and Chair of the Forced Labor Enforcement Task Force*,
Defendants.

COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

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BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION

Paragraph 56. Because of the Listing Decision, several American printing-industry trade associations have cut off their relationships with Plaintiffs. *See, e.g., Business Tech. Ass'n, Ninestar, Lexmark & the Business Technology Association (July 25, 2023).*

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BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION

Ninestar, Lexmark & the Business Technology Association: A Message to All BTA Member

The Business Technology Association (BTA) fully supports the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA). Any product produced through forced labor should be foreclosed from use within the industry. BTA also abides by the bylaws under which it operates and all laws of the United States of America. The U.S. Constitution guarantees "due process of the law." Likewise, our country has denied guilt by association. If a parent should commit a crime or a child is found to violate the law, the entire family is not punished.

The Forced Labor Enforcement Task Force (FLETF), a part of the Department of Homeland Security, imposed a ban on goods produced by Ninestar Corporation and eight of its subsidiaries. BTA is interfacing with FLETF to determine the breadth of these restrictions and the products banned. The ban applies to products produced in Zhuhai, China. Ninestar operates under numerous subsidiaries and has offices and plants throughout the world. FLETF has been clear that its ban applies only to products produced in the Zhuhai region of China. Products from many other Ninestar affiliates have not been banned and continue to enter through U.S. ports of entry.

Ninestar issued a statement on June 12 stating, in part, that: "it abides by the applicable standards of international labor protection, and fully protects the legitimate rights and interests of laborers."

Ninestar owns 63.04% of Lexmark and corporate records indicate Ninestar has lent funds to Lexmark. Although Lexmark is majority owned by Ninestar, "Lexmark investors have no operational control of the company." Lexmark is not the only office technology manufacturer that incorporates Ninestar components in its products. The sudden ban of Ninestar products has caused numerous companies to seek alternative sources. Suppliers contacted by BTA have acknowledged incorporation of Ninestar products and their immediate discontinuance while searching for alternative sources. All these companies are operating under a cloud until the dust settles and new sources are identified. The full extent of the ban is still being evaluated.

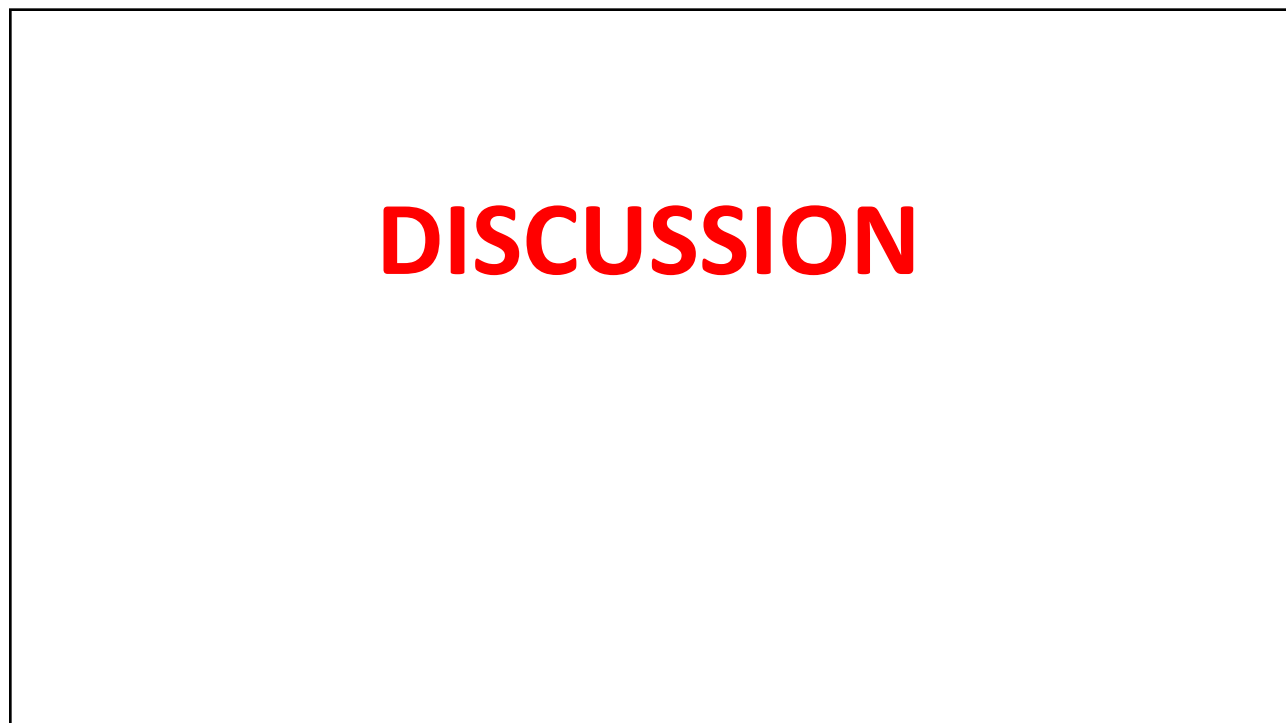
BTA's Response:

1. Continued discussions with the FLETF as to the extent and scope of the Ninestar ban. Is Lexmark or are Lexmark products included?
2. Notice to Ninestar that the conduct cited by the FLETF is contrary to the high standards of BTA and violation has resulted in a motion to remove Ninestar as a BTA member. Consistent with due process, Ninestar must respond on or before Aug. 4, 2023.
3. Continued discussions with other suppliers to determine the impact of the Ninestar ban and the steps taken to overcome.
4. Continued member updates.

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