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YOUR ACTION COUNTS

BUY ELECTRONICS FROM COMPANIES THAT HAVE A CODE OF CONDUCT

If you would like to purchase electronic equipment, make sure that the company that you are buying from abides by a code of conduct. For more information regarding the best ethical companies in the electronics industry you can visit www.ethiscore.org

GREEN PEACE GUIDE TO GREENER ELECTRONICS

Green Peace has its own ethical guide to greener electronics. The guide ranks the top 18 manufacturers of personal computers, mobile phones, TVs and game consoles. Green peace rates the manufacturers according to their policies on toxic materials, recycling and climate change. For more information you can visit www.greenpeace.org

ASK YOURSELF IF YOU REALLY NEED ONE

Before actually purchasing a new computer you can ask yourself if you really need a new one. Check if the machine can be upgraded. You can also use Linux open source software which extends the life of the computer and reduces e-waste. Alternatively you can also consider buying second hand electronic equipment.

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CHOP THE CHIP: The (in)humane wiring of the Electronics Industry



NEWSLETTER

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“High production numbers are more important to our management than our health” Terawut- IT Thai worker



LABELS TO LOOK FOR

When choosing which computer to buy, there are several different labels that one can look for. These include: EU ENERGY STAR, BLUE ANGEL LABEL and TCO LABEL. These labels are given after a particular company meets certain standard criteria.

Brand	Type	EU Energy Star No. of Computer Certifications	Blue Angel No. of Computer Certifications
Acer	Desktop	46	
	Notebook	79	
Apple	Mac	16	
	Powerbook	16	
Compaq Presario	Desktop		8
	Notebook	12	
Dell	Desktop	13	26
	Notebook	18	
Fujitsu-Siemens	Desktop	40	9
	Notebook	24	3
Hewlett-Packard	Desktop	22	
	Notebook	14	
Lenovo	Desktop	149	
	Notebook	110	
Samsung	Desktop	2	
Sony	Desktop	3	
Sun	Desktop	7	
Toshiba	Notebook	11	



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I SHOP FAIR

Koperattiva Kummerç Gust, as part of its outreach campaign, has raised awareness about the working conditions of the supply chain of the electronic industry production. The campaign was possible through the I SHOP FAIR project, which is co-financed by the EU.

More efficient meetings

VODAFONE AND ST MICROELECTRONICS



A meeting with Vodafone and ST Microelectronics was held to ensure that workers' rights are being abided in the supply chain of production. Both companies promised that they would consider that such rights are implemented as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility action.



IT Research in Thailand, April 2010

An impact study was conducted in Thailand on the situation regarding the electronics industry. The main findings of the study include lack of employment, inadequate safety equipment, hazardous working conditions and low wages.



Two Mexican women raise awareness in Malta

Rube and Mery, two Mexican women who work for the rights of workers to be ensured in the electronics industry, were in Malta in May 2010, to raise awareness about the conditions in the electronics industry. As part of the campaign they participated in a press conference, workshop, Worldfest and gave a lecture at

Aries (08716 661616), *Evesham* (01386 769 600), *MESH* (08700 468330) and *Viglen* (01727 201800) scored best on the table for both laptops and desktop computers.

The best models for environmental impact (Blue Angel labelled) came from: Compaq Presario (desktops only), Dell (desktops only), and Fujitsu-Siemens (for both laptops and desktops).

With an average score on the table, and scoring well for environmental impact, *Dell* is the overall Best Buy.

Better working practices

For background material about the working conditions in the electronic industry and to sign a petition for sustainable procurement you can go to www.procureITfair.org