

Vietnam Business Links Initiative

Pentland supports the Vietnam Business Links Initiative (VBLI) and its efforts to improve working conditions in the footwear export sector in Vietnam.

The VBLI was established in 2000 by the International Business Leaders Forum (IBLF). It brings together the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry, government, business associations, national and international organisations and various brands who manufacture footwear in Vietnam.

The footwear industry in Vietnam has expanded rapidly over the last 10 years, and continues to be a key area in the country's development. The VBLI has helped enhance the implementation of Vietnam's labour laws to enable the industry to participate in the international market and meet international labour standards.



Factory in Vietnam.

The VBLI helps to maintain occupational health and safety standards by raising awareness on the importance of health and safety with suppliers, and providing guidance and support to manage health and safety effectively in factories.

The programme is sustainable because it continues successfully to support and influence the continuous improvement of working standards in Vietnam's footwear industry.

dangers in manufacturing factories, the rights of workers under the law, and how workers can protect themselves. Workers are shown the DVD on induction and in health and safety training.

For more information about the VBLI visit:
www.vcci.com.vn/sub/vbli/default.htm
For more information about the IBLF visit: www.iblf.org



Workers use two hands to operate cutting machine.

VBLI Health & Safety DVD 2007

In 2007, Pentland contributed to the production of the VBLI's Occupational Health and Safety DVD to help raise awareness about health and safety issues with workers and management in supplier factories in Vietnam.

The DVD shows some of the



Workers in Vietnam.