

## LEVI STRAUSS & CO.

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Mr. Georg Kell  
Executive Director  
UN Global Compact  
United Nations  
New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Kell:

Levi Strauss & Co. (LS&Co.) is proud to share with you our 2009 Communication on Progress.

As you know, LS&Co. has a long history operating with a belief in “profits through principles” and a commitment to corporate citizenship. This is embodied in the company’s values of empathy, originality, integrity and courage and reflected in our Global Sourcing and Operating Guidelines that enable ethical global sourcing based on the principles of the Global Compact.

In 2009, we expanded our corporate citizenship communications and transparency, which now better demonstrate the practical actions we have taken to implement the principles of the Global Compact into our business.

First, over the last year, significantly more information about our corporate citizenship strategies, policies and actions was added to our [corporate public website](#), particularly in the areas of environmental sustainability and HIV/AIDS. The information found on our public website is supplemented by the corporate citizenship portion of the [Levi Strauss & Co. 2008 Annual Financial Report](#), which outlines actions taken by the company in the 2008 fiscal year to advance our corporate responsibility objectives and operationalize the principles of the Global Compact.

Levi Strauss & Co. also made great strides in energy and climate transparency and reporting. We registered our global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for 2007 and 2008 with [The Climate Registry](#), as well as issued our first [Climate Disclosure Project report](#). The report captured not only a summary of our emissions, but also our GHG reduction targets and strategies for achieving those reductions. This energy and climate reporting helps us assess progress, identify gaps in our program, and push for action.

Lastly, as founding members of the CEO Water Mandate, LS&Co. was among the first companies to submit a [CEO Water Mandate Communication on Progress](#) our water activities in the areas of direct operations, supply chain, collective action, public policy and community engagement. Working with the CEO Water Mandate Secretariat and member companies has helped us to focus on where we can have the greatest impact and improve our policies and programs.

LS&Co. remains an active and committed Global Compact member. This year, we took on leadership roles on the CEO Water Mandate steering committee and Global Compact U.S. Network steering committee. We look forward to the years ahead as Compact activities advance our company’s corporate citizenship commitment. If you have any questions about our corporate citizenship communications, please contact Kelley Benander ([kbenander@levi.com](mailto:kbenander@levi.com)).

All the best,



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