



Decision to include L-3 Technologies Inc.

December 2017

Summary

KLP has decided to rescind the exclusion of L-3 Technologies Inc. ("L-3 Technologies") from KLP and the KLP- Mutual Funds' investments. KLP excluded L-3 Technologies (formerly, L-3 Communications) in 2005 for complicity in human rights abuses in detainee operations at Abu Ghraib.

L-3 Technologies has since divested its services unit,¹ and is thus no longer involved in providing assistance to detainee operations. Moreover, there have been no new reports of complicity in human rights abuses over the 12 years KLP has excluded the company.

For these reasons, KLP has decided to rescind the exclusion of L-3 Technologies Inc. from December 2017.

Incident and company involvement

In 2004, the U.S. Army published the results of its investigation into reports of detainee abuses at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq.² The report implicated employees contracted from Titan Corporation to provide translation services at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq during 2003-04 in complicity in detainee abuses.³ The Army report concluded by "a preponderance of the evidence" that one Titan employee "actively participated in detainee abuse" and that this employee and one other Titan employee failed to report detainee abuses.⁴

L-3 Communications later acquired Titan Corporation. The name of the company has since changed to L-3 Technologies Inc.

¹ Engility, Press Release, *L-3 Board of Directors Approves Spin-Off of Engility Holdings, Inc.* (17 July 2012). URL: <http://investors.engilitycorp.com/phoenix.zhtml?c=251345&p=irol-newsArticle&ID=1710618&highlight=>.

² The Fay-Jones Report (2004). URL: http://www.npr.org/documents/2004/abuse/fay-jones_report.pdf.

³ Ibid, p. 133.

⁴ Ibid.



Dialogue with the company

KLP's service provider has engaged in dialogue with L-3 Technologies on KLP's behalf. Since the dialogue began, L-3 Technologies has sent only a terse response referring to the company's code of conduct published on its website.⁵

KLP's analysis

L-3 Technologies has given no indication that the company has strengthened its approach to human rights challenges. Nevertheless, the absence of subsequent reported abuses over the past 12 years, as well as L-3 Technologies' divestment from its services division, suggest that the company no longer faces an unacceptable risk of serious or systematic human rights abuses.

KLP's decision

KLP has rescinded the exclusion of L-3 Technologies Inc. from KLP and the KLP Mutual Funds' investments from December 2017.

⁵ Notes archived at KLP.