



Poongsan Corporation
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Ref: Production of cluster munitions by Poongsan Corporation

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Dear Mr. Jin Ryu,

Thank you in advance for taking the time to read this letter.

We are writing on behalf of the Cluster Munition Coalition (CMC), a global civil society campaign working to eradicate cluster munitions¹, to urge Poongsan Corporation to stop production of cluster munitions.

The 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) bans the production, use, transfer and stockpiling of cluster munitions. To date, 119 countries have joined the convention, of which 100 countries are States Parties. Recently, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution on the Convention on Cluster Munitions which was supported by 141 nations.

Cluster bombs are banned because they have disproportionately killed and injured too many civilians during their history of use and continue to do so today. They cause widespread harm on impact and remain dangerous, killing and injuring civilians including children long after conflict has ended.

Even though the Republic of Korea is not a party to the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM), you may have followed the process that has led to the convention. The CCM bans the production, use, transfer and stockpiling of cluster munitions. Article 1 (1) c of the convention prohibits the assistance in any of the activities mentioned above.

Since 2009, PAX a member of the Cluster Munition Coalition, has been publishing the report 'Worldwide investments in cluster munitions: a shared responsibility'². The report shows investments of financial institutions in cluster munitions producers. Over the past years Poongsan has been listed as a producer of cluster munitions in the report.

¹ See: www.stopclustermunitions.org

² See: www.stopexplosiveinvestments.org

In recent years, at least four companies that were involved with the production of cluster munitions, explosive submunitions or key component thereof have ended this involvement: Roketsan (Turkey), L-3 Communications (US), Lockheed Martin (US) and Singapore Technologies Engineering. Recently, Textron announced it will cease the production of its Sensor Fuzed Weapon. The growing stigma on cluster munitions and strong international norm have contributed to these companies' decisions to stop making a profit from the production of a weapon that causes grave civilian harm.

We, the undersigned, urge Poongsan Corporation to likewise cease its involvement with production of cluster munitions and refrain from such involvement in the future.

Sincerely,

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