

## Better Buying Announces Ambassadors to Support Supplier Ratings of Critical Purchasing Practices

May 18, 2018 — Better Buying Ambassadors work with suppliers, industry associations, and other stakeholders to facilitate the completion of supplier ratings. These ratings serve as the foundation for Better Buying's unique system of performance scores and analysis of buyers' purchasing practices. Better Buying has been created to support the transformation of buyer–supplier relationships so that all parties can achieve their financial, social, and environmental sustainability goals.

We are pleased to announce that Tony Lowe has been appointed Better Buying Ambassador for East Asia, and S.M. Hasan Iqbal and Kamrul Ahsan Dewanjee have been appointed Better Buying Ambassadors for Bangladesh. They bring decades of experience in corporate offices and on factory floors working to improve social, environmental and financial performance.

## Tony Lowe, Better Buying Ambassador for East Asia

Based in Guangzhou, Tony brings over 20 years of experience in the field of CSR in addition to 5 years direct factory management responsibilities. He has participated and led many collaborative improvement projects in supply chains. Tony brings unique insights based on deep knowledge and work experience with both suppliers and buyers. Most recently, as a director for Disney in Asia, his focus was on action-oriented supply chain sustainability. Tony can be reached at: <a href="mailto:tony.lowe@betterbuying.org">tony.lowe@betterbuying.org</a>



## Kamrul Ahsan and Hasan Iqbal, Better Buying Ambassadors for Bangladesh

Kamrul and Hasan are based in Dhaka and are highly knowledgeable of the RMG and other manufacturing sectors, each having worked with top management and operations teams for more than 19 years to improve social, environmental, and financial performance. Both are trained engineers.

Kamrul managed the Partnership for Cleaner Textiles (PaCT) project in 50 Bangladesh manufacturing companies and is expert in designing and conducting surveys and training programs. He is a certified Lead Auditor of ISO 9001 & 14001. He is also experienced in applying Lean Six Sigma methodologies for process improvements and in developing and implementing emergency response procedures. He has supported many projects funded by international agencies.

Hasan has led many complex development projects in both Asia and Africa. He has worked extensively with the RMG and textile sectors in Bangladesh and actively collaborates with major brands and industry organizations. His expertise primarily focuses on project management and evaluation, supply and value chain development, business feasibility studies, skills and efficiency. He worked for TATA automobiles, Bata, IFC and in other projects funded by international agencies. Kamrul and Hasan can be reached at: ambassadorbd@betterbuying.org

Please join us in welcoming Tony, Hasan, and Kamrul. We're delighted to have them join the Better Buying team.