

Solar Stewardship Initiative: **Public Summary Report**

Site name: CSI Cells (Suqian) Co. Ltd..

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Section 1:

Site Information

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ESG Standard

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Overview:

Member name	CSI Solar Co. Ltd.
Site name	CSI Cells (Suqian) Co. Ltd.
Location	Crossroad of Zhenxing Avenue and Macao Road, Economic Development Zone Suqian City, Jiangsu Province, China 223814
Supply Chain Activities	Cell Manufacturer
Assessment type	Year 0 Initial
Assessment date (s)	26-28/03/2025
Next Assessment Type	Year 1 Surveillance
Next Assessment Due Date	14/07/2026
Claims	The certified member site claims may only be displayed on company websites, flyers and other marketing materials, corporate material, invoices, letter heads and other contractual documents. No product-related claims are allowed. For more information check the SSI Claims Guide.

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Section 2:

Executive Summary

Summary					
Topic	C	MiNC	MaNC	O	N/A
Governance and Business Ethics	21	2	0	0	0
Environment	20	1	0	0	0
Human and Labour Rights	45	2	0	0	5
Total count	86	5	0	0	5

Conformance Ratings

Conformance (C):

- Systems, policies, procedures and processes performed in a manner that aligns with the Standard's intent.

Minor Non-Conformance (MiNC):

- An isolated lapse of performance or control.
- A breach which represents low risk to workers/those on site.
- A policy issue where there is no evidence of material breach.

Major Non-Conformance (MaNC):

- *A systemic failure or total lack of required controls by the site.*
- *A total absence of implementation of the requirement.*
- *A breach of law.*
- *A group of related, repetitive or persistent minor non-conformances indicating inadequate implementation.*

Observation (O):

- *A Conformance that meets the fundamental requirements of the SSI Standard(s) but needs improvement. If this improvement is not adequately addressed, the Observation may escalate to a Non-Conformance during the next Assessment.*

Not Applicable (N/A):

- *A requirement which cannot be implemented by a site due to the nature of its operations.*

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Section 3:

Findings Breakdown

Governance and Business Ethics

Topic	C	MiNC	MaNC	O	N/A
1. Business Integrity	3	0	0	0	0
2. Policy and Management	7	0	0	0	0
3. Stakeholders and Communities	7	0	0	0	0
4. Transparency	1	0	0	0	0
5. Responsible Sourcing	3	2 (*)	0	0	0
Total count	21	2	0	0	0

(*) Requirement 5.4:

The facility has established both a Supplier Code of Conduct and a Conflict Minerals Policy, and these documents are publicly accessible. However, upon review, it was determined that the content and structure of these policies do not fully align with the overarching requirements outlined in the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas. The gap lies in the depth and specificity of the policy commitments as compared to OECD expectations.

(*) Requirement 5.5:

The facility has implemented various traceability mechanisms and supplier management practices that reflect an initial step toward responsible sourcing. These include supplier screening, risk assessment procedures, and basic recordkeeping. Nonetheless, a detailed evaluation revealed that these operational protocols fall short of meeting the comprehensive standards set forth in Annex I of the OECD Due Diligence Guidance, which outlines specific due diligence measures companies should take to identify and mitigate risks in their mineral supply chains.

Environment					
Topic	C	MiNC	MaNC	O	N/A
6. Greenhouse Gas Emissions Management	3	0	0	0	0
7. Water Management	4	0	0	0	0
8. Waste Management	2	0	0	0	0
9. Pollution Management	2	1 (*)	0	0	0
10. Biodiversity Management	5	0	0	0	0
11. Circularity	4	0	0	0	0
Total count	20	1	0	0	0

(*) Requirement 9.1:

The facility has listed relevant international environmental conventions and provided supporting documents indicating compliance (e.g., monitoring reports and waste transfer records). However, its compliance evaluation reports lack direct references to specific provisions of these conventions, limiting the clarity and traceability of how compliance is assessed against each international standard.

Human and Labour Rights

Topic	C	MiNC	MaNC	O	N/A
12. Human Rights	6	0	0	0	1
13. Labour Rights	24	1 (*)	0	0	4
14. Occupational Health and Safety (Worker's Protection)	15	1 (**)	0	0	0
Total count	45	2	0	0	5

(*) Requirement 13.22:

The facility has ensured that overtime is voluntary and that the sum of regular and overtime hours does not exceed 60 hours per week, or the maximum allowed by national law, whichever is less. However, during document review, it was found that in certain months, some individual employees worked more than the permitted weekly maximum. By the time of the assessment, the Facility had detected, developed and implemented corrective measures and responsible parties to demonstrate compliance.

(**) Requirement 14.15:

The facility has provided, properly maintained and clearly marked fire safety equipment and alarms; clearly marked, unlocked and unblocked emergency exits and escape routes; and emergency lighting. However, during site inspection, it was observed that a designated for charging cleaning machines did not have visible or adequate fire safety provisions, presenting a potential fire risk.