**BEFTER WORK JORDAN (BWJ)** is a partnership project of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the International Finance Corporation (IFC). Established in mid-2008, BWJ aims to improve labour standards and competitiveness in Jordan’s apparel sector. The 5-year project is funded by the Government of Jordan (US$1.05 million), USAID (US$2.7 million) and factory participation fees (US$0.6 million). It is modeled on the successful ILO Better Factories Project in Cambodia.

BWJ combines independent enterprise assessments with enterprise advisory and training services to support practical improvements through workplace cooperation.

The Government of Jordan invited the ILO and the IFC in 2007 to establish the Better Work Jordan Project to ensure that garment factories have access to training and remediation services required to improve management systems, transparency and sustainability in the garment sector in Jordan. It must be underlined that the Government of Jordan does not consider BWJ a replacement for its national labour inspection service, but rather a supplement.

Some 15 factories are now full participants in the program, which became fully operational only in February of 2009. These 15 enterprises employ approximately 20,000 workers. The Government of Jordan is currently considering measures to boost participation rates.

BWJ expects to issue its first public report in the first quarter of 2010.
LIST OF ENTERPRISES PARTICIPATING IN BWJ
(Source: BWJ 10/19/09)

Participating Enterprises

   a. Classic Fashion Factory 1
   b. Classic Fashion Factory 2
   c. Classic Fashion Factory 3
   d. Classic Fashion Laundry
3. Fine Apparel Ltd.
4. Hi-Tech Textile L.L.C.
6. Jordanian Modern Textile (JMT)
7. Needle Craft Ltd. Jordan
8. EAM Maliban Textile Jordan (PVT) Ltd.
10. Century Wear
11. Vega Textile Ltd.
12. Maintrend International Corp.
13. Rainbow Textile L.L.C.
15. Sterling Apparel Manufacturing

Enterprises Negotiating Participation in BWJ

1. Century Miracle
2. United Creation L.L.C.
3. Ivory
4. Al-Hanan
5. Rich Pine
6. Prestige
7. Third Dimension

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