

LG Electronics Apologizes to Woman Who Lost Both Hands in Mexican Factory



Mexico City, June 24 (teleSUR-RHC)-- LG electronics released a statement on Tuesday apologizing to Rosa Moreno, a Mexican woman and mother of six, who lost both hands while working the overnight shift in their production factory in Mexico four years ago.

“Our hearts go out to Ms. Moreno and her family for the terrible accident that occurred in a contract manufacturer’s plant four years ago,” the South Korea-based company said in a statement. “We have been working with our suppliers to help assure that something like this never happens again.”

LG was pushed to respond to Moreno's situation by the Business and Human Rights Resource Center after an op-ed written by Moreno appeared in The Guardian earlier this month.

The young Mexican woman had written the article after she received the 2015 Illuminating Injustice Award, which is awarded by U.S.-based public law firm Public Justice to help those who continue suffering from debilitating work injuries.

Following the accident, LG electronics offered to pay Morena a \$14,400 settlement under Mexican labor law after a brief battle between their lawyers – a paltry sum considering she would no longer will be able to work again.

However, this was a drastic increase from the initial \$400 they had offered after the accident. After trying to sue LG for unsafe labor practices, a judge threw out the case on the grounds that LG electronics had not been properly notified.

Over the years, she has struggled to pay her mortgage, while her children have had to sacrifice getting an education in order to work and support the family. “I’ve worked in factories most of my life. I know I am not the first person to be injured. But more needs to be done to help the workers who are making the products that so many Americans buy,” Moreno wrote in The Guardian.

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