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Scandal of £30 World Cup mascot made in China by workers paid just £1.90 a day



HELL HOLE - Workers slave for pittance to make figures

**EXCLUSIVE**

By Simon Parry, 24/01/2010

**SHIVERING** with cold, eyes straining in the gloom, young workers in a squalid Shanghai factory slave late into the night making light-up models of the World Cup mascot.

Soon you will be able to buy the official trinket - depicting the dreadlocked leopard Zakumi - for £30.

But spare a thought for the poor souls in China who must work TWO WEEKS to earn enough to buy one.

The workers, many of them just teenagers, toil for a pitiful £1.90 a day making the Zakumi figures.

Posing as potential buyers from the UK, our investigators discovered the awful conditions at the Shanghai Fashion Plastic Products factory, 30 miles from the city centre.

The firm's Chief Executive Officer David Lau told us how South African tournament organisers and FIFA, football's governing body, gave them permission to make 2.3 million of the trinkets after visiting the miserable



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