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Supplier Verification Report — Factory A

Desktop check · Supplier Verification tier (1–2 business days)

SAMPLE · DEMONSTRATION VERSION — fictionalized / anonymized

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1. Verification Verdict

CONDITIONAL

Factory A is a real, traceable electronics manufacturer consistent with its claimed product range — but **the payment beneficiary named in the quote does not match the contracted entity**, which must be resolved before any deposit is paid.

Key findings

1. Business license, website, workshop video geolocation and marketplace presence are mutually consistent (E-01, E-03, E-04).
2. ISO 9001 certificate is genuine and valid, but held by an entity name that differs slightly from the quote entity (E-06, E-07).
3. RED FLAG — Quote requests 30% deposit to a **personal-name bank account**, described as the "finance manager's account" (E-08).

Recommended next action: resolve the payment-path discrepancy in writing (see §7) before proceeding to samples. **Do not pay any deposit to the personal account.**

2. Legal Identity & Business Fit

Item	Finding	Evidence
Legal name	Shenzhen A*** Electronics Co., Ltd. (as on business license)	E-01
Registration status	Active / 存续 (no abnormal-operation listing found in public records within coverage)	E-02
Established	2013 (≈12 years operating history)	E-01
Registered capital	RMB 5.0M (paid-in status not independently verifiable at this tier —	E-01

	Unverified)	
Business scope	Includes R&D / manufacture / sale of electronic connectors, wire harnesses, PCBA	E-01
Claimed product fit	Connectors + PCBA services — **consistent** with business scope and website product lines	E-03, E-04

Registration data is used as background only; capital figures are not treated as a proxy for creditworthiness.

3. Entity-Type & Relationship Judgment

Judgment: integrated manufacturer-trader (moderate confidence).

- Alibaba "Verified Manufacturer" storefront and 1688 store under the same entity; storefront videos show SMT lines and injection molding equipment consistent with a real factory (E-03, E-04).
- However, the quote was issued by a **sales company name** ("Hong Kong A*** Trading Limited") rather than the Shenzhen manufacturing entity (E-08) — a common structure for export/tax handling.
- Uncertainty: whether the HK entity and the Shenzhen factory are under common ownership could not be fully confirmed at this tier (*Unverified*). Not negative by itself, but the relationship must be documented (see §7).

4. Address & Contact Traceability

- Registered address (license): an industrial building in Bao'an District, Shenzhen (E-01).
- Operating address shown in workshop video: same industrial zone, ~2 km from registered address — plausible relocation/expansion; building exterior and signage match company name (E-04).
- Website domain registered since 2015; official email uses corporate domain, not free mail (E-05).
- Contact person "Ms. Liang, Overseas Sales" — identity traceable to the company's LinkedIn page and trade-show contact list (E-05). **Her authority to negotiate payment terms: *Unverified*.**

5. Export / Business Signals

Public trade-data coverage for this HS-code segment showed export records consistent with the company's product range to SE Asia and EU destinations (E-09). Coverage limitations apply — the database used does not fully capture all export channels (broker-exported shipments are frequently invisible).

Per methodology: absence of records would not be treated as evidence of "no export history"; here, available signals are mildly positive.

6. Certificate Spot Check

Certificate	Result	Detail
ISO 9001:2015 (E-06)	**Genuine**	Valid to 2027-06; issuer is an accredited CB. Caution — holder:

		"Shenzhen A*** Electronics Co., Ltd." — matches factory, **not** the HK quoting entity.
UL recognition, connector series (E-07)	**Partial**	UL file exists for series X, but the specific quoted model (X-2 variant) is **not within the listed scope** — "UL certified" should read "UL recognized, select models".
CE DoC	—	Not claimed; skipped. Full-scope certificate audit is out of scope at this tier (see §8).

7. Transaction Path & Red Flags

Element	Entity / Detail	Consistent?
Quote issued by	Hong Kong A*** Trading Ltd.	—
PI / contract entity	Hong Kong A*** Trading Ltd.	**matches quote**
ISO 9001 holder	Shenzhen A*** Electronics Co., Ltd.	**different entity**
Bank beneficiary	**Personal name ("Ms. Wang"), "finance manager"**	**RED FLAG — personal account**

Finding: deposit routed to a personal account, while the contract is with an HK entity and the certificate holder is a third name.

Risk: if a dispute arises, the contracting entity can disclaim receipt of funds; recourse against a personal account in China is slow and uncertain; this pattern also appears in refund-evasion scenarios.

Procurement implication: no deposit should be paid to this account as quoted; the payment chain undermines the legal value of the contract regardless of factory legitimacy.

Action: request (a) payment to the HK contracting entity's **corporate** account, or (b) a tri-party letter linking factory, HK entity and account holder, plus bank letterhead confirmation. If the supplier resists any verifiable structure, treat as a hard red flag and pause.

8. Recommendation & Scope Boundary

Conditions before samples / any payment:

1. Resolve payment-path per §7 (corporate account or tri-party documentation).
2. Clarify in writing the legal relationship between the HK entity and the Shenzhen factory.
3. Confirm in writing which connector models carry UL recognition; request the UL yellow card for the quoted model.
4. Sign a Golden Sample agreement before any production order.

Not covered at this tier: on-site verification, production capacity and yield data, quality-system depth (beyond spot check), financial health, and full certificate-scope audit. If the engagement proceeds to a meaningful order, an On-site Factory Verification or a deep Supplier Intelligence Report is recommended before mass production.

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Methodology note: Unverified ≠ Negative. Items marked Unverified indicate information not obtainable within this engagement's scope and depth, not evidence of wrongdoing.