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RI’s bite-sized round-up of the week’s most important responsible investment news.

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The top ten most environmentally and socially controversial companies in the first half of 2008 were Samsung, Total, Wal-Mart, China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC), Shell, ExxonMobil, Citigroup, Nestlé, ArcelorMittal, and Chevron, according to the Reputational Risk Index (RRI), issued by Zurich-based ECOFACT.

The ranking measures the level of criticism of companies by the world’s media and NGOs for issues including human rights abuses, severe environmental violations, corruption and bribery and breaches of labour, health and safety standards.