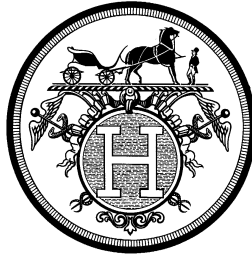


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**GENERAL MEETING OF 4 MAY 2021**

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

For the General Meeting, written questions may be sent to the Company in the manner defined by law. In accordance with applicable legislation, the answer to a question is deemed given when it is published on the Company's website. Responding to a written question is the responsibility of Executive Management.

On 29 April 2021, Executive Management received a letter by email for the 2021 General Meeting, from the American organisation People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals ("**PETA**").

Please find below the answer from the Hermès Group to the written question from PETA.

*“When will Hermès join brands including Chanel, Jil Sander, and Vivienne Westwood and ban the use of exotic skins in its collections?”*

The approach of our house is that of a permanent quest for the highest quality, and this applies first and foremost to our materials.

We constantly seek out the most beautiful materials, whether of animal origin or not. Naturally this means that we invest in research and development programmes which, as you have mentioned, results in the creation of new materials which meet our criteria of excellence.

The same requirement for the highest standards applies to all of our supply chains.

Conducting farming activities in Australia, following an approach of vertical integration, is a choice made by the house for sustainable and responsible business. Moreover, this approach entails the development and rigorous application of the highest scientific standards for animal welfare, the respect of natural ecosystems and contributions to local economies.

In accordance with the Department of the Environment and Natural Resources of the Northern Territory in Australia, our farming activities have helped to sustain the conservation of natural habitat areas and to avoid deforestation in these territories; a necessary condition for the preservation of biodiversity.

This approach is in line with the commitments to safeguard biodiversity made by the group, following the UN's sustainable development objectives (SDGs) and in particular article 15.1 *“Ensure the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial and inland freshwater ecosystems and their services, in particular forests, wetlands, mountains and drylands, in line with obligations under international agreements”*

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