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The Stucken Group of companies does not tolerate nor condone any form of animal abuse or cruelty towards animals. Our Group remains committed to the establishment of a fully traceable and sustainable South African mohair clip, supported by sustainable manufacturing practices, that will provide confidence to our clients and ultimately to the final consumer that mohair is an extraordinary, renewable and ethically produced fibre.

The recent PETA expose on the South African mohair industry alleged varying degrees of animal abuse on up to 12 farms. **The Stucken Group can warrant that, with immediate effect, no mohair whatsoever will be sourced from the identified farms until such time that these properties have been independently audited and proven to be fully compliant with the mohair industry's Sustainable Guidelines.**

Our group endorses the recent statements issued by Mohair South Africa and continues to be fully supportive of the Sustainable Guidelines as well as to an independent 3<sup>rd</sup> party auditing regime that will ensure that the industry lives up to the letter and spirit of its obligations in respect of sustainable production and animal welfare.

We stand ready to respond to any queries and / or further explanations that might be required and will endeavour to address these as swiftly as possible.



On behalf of Stucken Group of Companies