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HAWTAN LEATHERS NAMED A 2017 FLEUR DE VIE HONOREE

. . . Tannery named for “Tireless service to the communities in Haiti” . . .

Hawtan Leathers, a manufacturer of fine leather whose headquarters is located in Newburyport, Massachusetts, has been selected as a 2017 Fleur De Vie Honoree by the Fleur De Vie organization, which supports the initiatives of not-for-profit organizations in Haiti. The firm will be honored at the organization’s annual “La Palette Saisonniere du Chef” food tasting and fundraising event in New York City at the French Institute Alliance Francaise on June 25, 2017. The event is expected to attract more than 200 attendees.

“Hawtan Leathers was selected by Fleur De Vie’s Board of Directors for its tireless service to the economically disadvantaged communities that we serve in Haiti,” said Dayanne Danier, co-founder of Fleur De Vie. She continued, “Your generous contributions have made a significant impact on the lives of people who need it most. It is with deep appreciation of your commitment that Hawtan Leathers has been selected to be recognized.” Hawtan Leather’s tannery, Cuirs Hawtan, is the largest leather factory in Haiti, located outside of Port Au Prince. It has been in business for more than 35 years.

In addition to employing 150 people and regularly conducting business with 350 hide and skin suppliers throughout Haiti, Cuirs Hawtan has assisted the people of Haiti after two recent natural disasters, the 2010 earthquake and Hurricane Matthew in 2016. And in support of the company’s goal of creating sustainable jobs for the people of Haiti, Cuirs Hawtan works with local fledgling businesses, helping them to set up viable business models that work, thus creating additional jobs. And Cuirs also works with Haiti Made and the Haiti Design Group, two businesses that sell handmade leather goods. Its mission is to provide sustainable and dignified employment as a part of a larger effort to promote economic growth in Haiti.

Fleur De Vie (“flower of life”) is a not-for-profit organization that works with and supports the initiatives of struggling not-for-profit organizations globally. It aligns with other organizations in Haiti that support social change in the community through education, health and environmental sustainability. It lends assistance at the grassroots level, organizing programs that promote transparency and ensuring the organizations remain focused on benefitting the vulnerable and poor who need assistance the most. Fleur De Vie collaborates with not-for-profits that take action in education, health, and environmental sustainability. The organization is based in New York.

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