



LWG MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL PACK

For Brands and Retailers, Associations,
and Suppliers to the Leather Industry

Leather Working Group Ltd

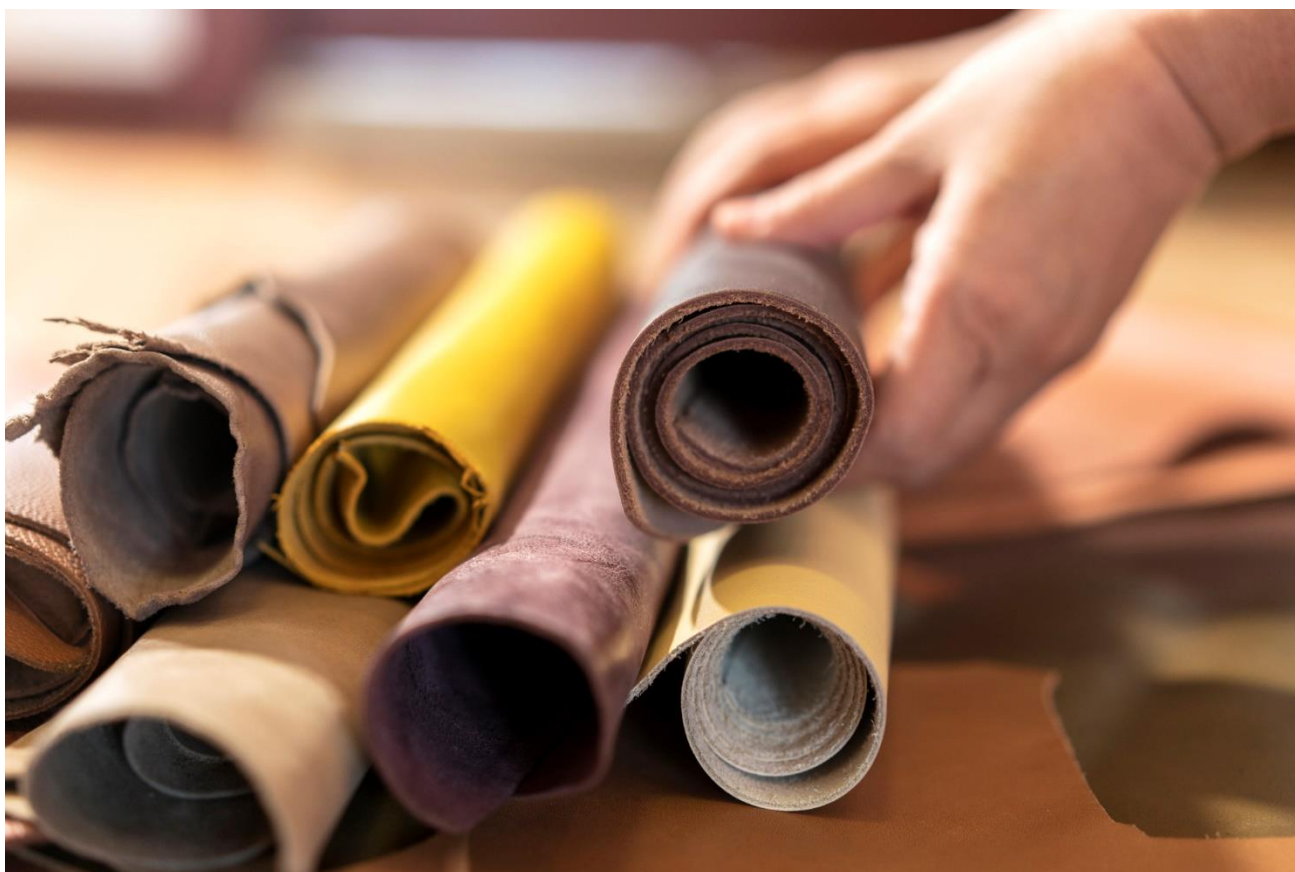
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1 INTRODUCTION

Formed in 2005, the Leather Working Group (LWG) is a membership organisation for the leather industry focused on promoting environmental best practice. We are a collaborative, membership-led non-profit with approaching 1000 members from across the leather supply chain, including:

- Leather manufacturers (aka, tanneries)
- Traders
- Brands
- Retailers
- Suppliers (including chemical companies, machinery manufacturers, etc.)
- Associations
- Technical experts

The keystone of our work is the LWG Environmental Audit, which assesses the environmental performance and compliance of leather manufacturing facilities.

Our work and the ongoing development of our audit protocols is only possible through the input and engagement of our subscription members. LWG expects all companies which use our resources to become actively engaged members of the group..



2 OUR AIMS

- To **improve** the environmental impact of leather manufacturing
- To promote **sustainable**, responsible business practices.
- To create **industry alignment** on environmental topics.

It is the group's objective to work transparently and collaboratively, involving Leather Manufacturers, Brands, Retailers, and suppliers, with input from leading centres of excellence within the leather industry, including NGO bodies, academic institutions, and other stakeholder organisations.

3 BENEFITS OF SUBSCRIPTION MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Make Credible Environmental Claims



Drafted in 2020, the LWG Marketing Claims Framework has formalised our claims process, providing more robust criteria that is clear for members to understand and provides a framework for further improvement.

Brand & Retailer members will receive guidance on how to make accurate and appropriate claims about their membership of the group and at a product level.

Brands wishing to make claims at a product level must submit a sourcing declaration, stating the annual % of leather sourced from LWG-certified suppliers. Retailers wishing to make claims at a product level must submit a list of their brands for verification.

Brands are expected to source 25% of their leather from LWG-certified manufacturers within 3 years, to increase up to 50% within 6 years.

In addition, LWG team is always on hand to provide feedback, give advice and make suggestions for how to improve your consumer-facing communications.



3.2 Track Your Suppliers

After becoming a member of LWG, you will be given access to the private [Member Area](#) of the LWG website. The Member Area includes a tracking function, which will allow you to add certified suppliers to a dashboard and monitor their certification status, audit result, expiry date, etc. You will also be able to export this information via a CSV file download.

My Leather Manufacturers						
Please select your Leather Manufacturer:	Expiry Date:	Rating:	Protocol Issue Number:	Traceability Rating:	Audit Scope:	Remove:
Befamex S.A De C.V	31/05/2021	Silver	6.5.3	0%	D - Tanned hide/skin to finished leather	<input type="checkbox"/>
Farida Prime Tannery Pvt. Limited (Unit C)	05/07/2021	Gold	6.5.3	0%	C - Raw hide/skin to finished leather	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heng Long Leather Co. (PTE) LTD	22/03/2022	Silver	6.6.1	100%	C - Raw hide/skin to finished leather	<input type="checkbox"/>
JBS SA Cascavel	01/06/2021	Gold	6.5.3	100%	D - Tanned hide/skin to finished leather	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jiangxi Longhua Leather Co., Ltd	12/09/2022	Silver	6.6.2	0%	F - Tanned hide/skin to crust leather	<input type="checkbox"/>

3.3 Access Guidance and Training Materials

The Member Area of the LWG website also includes LWG meeting information and agendas, recordings of member webinars, and presentations files.

Presentations

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Below are all the presentations from our Member Meetings. These presentations are not for public distribution and are available to our members only - please do not reproduce or distribute without express prior permission of the LWG Executive Committee.

Webinar: Social Auditing (25th Nov 2020) >

Webinar: LWG Member's Webinar - 20th October 2020 >

Webinar: Environmental Management Systems >

Webinar: Understanding Chrome VI: Formation, Prevention & Legislation (26th & 27th August 2020) >

Webinar: Risk Assessment & Emergency Planning (29th & 30th July 2020) >

Webinar: Audit Documentation and Administration (24th & 25th June 2020) >

3.4 Attend Meetings and Virtual Events

We encourage our members to become are fully engaged in our environmental program by attending LWG online meetings and webinars and completing the annual member's survey. This helps steer the direction of our group and keep members informed of changes to the audit protocols and future developments.

- Two full Member Meetings per year
- Regional meetings around the world
- Multiple member-only webinars
- Newsletters, bulletins, guidance notes, membership surveys, website updates and social media.



3.5 A Voice

As a member, you can influence the future direction of the environmental audit protocols.

You will be eligible for election to join our Executive Committee or one of our subgroups, including:

- Technical Sub-Group (TSG)
- Traceability Working Group (TRWG)
- Tannery of the Future Sub-Group (TOTF)
- Trader Working Group (TWG)
- Supplier Sub-Group (SSG)

Elected by LWG members, our Executive Committee (EC) is currently made up of four Brands, four Leather Manufacturers and one Supplier. The group's purpose is to lead the overall direction of the work that the LWG does.

Decisions on the structure and any key elements of the protocol are passed when a quorum is reached by the Executive Committee. A quorum is an agreement with at least two brands, two leather manufacturers and one other EC member.

The Leather Working Group Limited is governed under the Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association, Issue 4, dated 17 March 2018 (amended pursuant to a special resolution passed at a general meeting of the Company, held on 17 March 2018).

Contracted Facilitator role

Eurofins | BLC Leather Technology Centre Ltd (BLC) is the contracted facilitator for the Leather Working Group Ltd and will provide management services and techno-environmental input for the duration of the project. BLC project management will consist of communication with forum members, arrangement of meetings, collection of information, refinement of the protocol, presentation of results, publicity, auditing (where contracted) and preparation of audit reports and scoring mechanisms. BLC is not a member of the Executive Committee and does not vote.

The support offered via the contracted facilitator is related only to the LWG programme, the audit protocol, its development and use as an environmental stewardship audit.

Timescale

The membership year runs from 1 April to the next 31 March. As such, our 2021/22 membership year begins on 1st April 2021 and will end on 31st March 2022.

Charges – Brands, Retailers, Suppliers & Agent Traders

There is a “fee of entry” to the Leather Working Group Ltd which is based on annual gross turnover. This fee will provide access to the Leather Working Group Ltd for the duration of 12 months.

The fee will cover the management and administration of the project, the website, benchmarking, co-ordination of meetings, the development of the process, reporting, plus any refinements, field trials and dissemination costs. This is based on annual gross turnover as below in USD.

Company Turnover \$	Annual Membership fee
0 – 250M	\$2500 / 12 months
251M – 1BN	\$4500 / 12 months
1BN – 3BN	\$7500 / 12 months
3BN - 5BN	\$14000 / 12 months
5BN +	\$17000 / 12 months

Payment will be 100% of joining fee upon application. VAT will be applied where appropriate.



Audited Members

Leather Manufacturers, Leather Traders, Commissioning Manufacturers and Subcontractors can join the Leather Working Group through completion of the appropriate audit.

For more information on our Audits please email info@leatherworkinggroup.com

Confidentiality

The results of all Leather Manufacturer audits will remain the confidential property of the auditee and will not be shared with the Leather Working Group membership unless permission is given to do so.

Legal Requirements

As there are many branded suppliers involved in this process it is crucial that this process is open and transparent. During the forum meetings or in the process of collecting data there will at no point be discussions about pricing of product or materials.

LWG APPLICATION PACK | 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022

Please complete and sign this form which indicates that the terms and conditions applying to the contract specified below are accepted. Please refer to our [Articles of Association](#) for more information.

Membership Information	Contract Reference:	LWG21-22-001		
	Contract Description:	Participation in the Leather Working Group Ltd - environmental auditing protocol and stewardship for leather manufacturers		
	Fee Band (based on annual revenue)	Band	Fee	Tick
		Band 1 – Up to \$250 million	\$2,500	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Band 2 – \$250 million – \$1 billion	\$4,500	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Band 3 – \$1 – 3 billion	\$7,500	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Band 4 – \$3 – 5 billion	\$14,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Band 5 – \$5+ billion	\$17,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Proposed Starting Date	1 April 2021			
Duration	12 months (ending 31 March 2022)			

Company Information	Company Name	
	Company Address	
	Main Contact	
	Job Title	
	Email	

Invoice Information	Purchase Order (PO)	
	Company VAT No (Europe)	
	Currency for invoicing	
	Contact for Invoicing	
	Email for Invoicing Contact	
	Additional invoicing information	

Brand Information	Total volume of leather used per year	Approximately.....m ²
	% of leather from LWG suppliers	Approximately.....%
	Raw material types:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cowhide <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep/Goat <input type="checkbox"/> Pig <input type="checkbox"/> Exotics <input type="checkbox"/> Other

Contract Agreement	Data Protection Declaration:	Your data will be stored and processed in accordance with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and will be treated in a confidential manner. LWG will not pass your data to any third-party organisations. By signing this renewal form you consent to LWG contacting you for the purposes of information, voting and other member services, including newsletter communications. A copy of our GDPR Policy can be provided on request.
	Signed:	
	Date:	

Please send the completed form to info@leatherworkinggroup.com