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WOLVERINE WORLDWIDE RELEASES TEST RESULTS FROM FORMER TANNERY SITE, ROGUE RIVER & RUM CREEK

No Drinking Water at Risk; Experts Say No Health Risk From Swimming or Recreational Contact

ROCKFORD, Mich., Nov. 9, 2017 – Wolverine Worldwide today announced results of the water sampled for testing from its former Tannery site in Rockford. This testing was done to further evaluate the groundwater and surface water – the sources of water sampled at these sites, including the Rogue River and Rum Creek, are not used for drinking water. The Company has worked closely with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) on this testing, and has already submitted a proposal to the MDEQ outlining next steps to further evaluate the Tannery site.

In partnership with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Wolverine analyzed groundwater, pore water, and surface water samples for the presence of ammonia and perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), including PFOA and PFOS. PFOA and PFOS are substances that were contained in 3M Scotchgard™ used in the leather manufacturing process at the Tannery. While this is Wolverine’s first time analyzing the Tannery site for PFAS under the testing plan requested by the MDEQ, the Company continues its regular practice of testing for ammonia and other substances, and results from this round were generally in the same ranges as seen dating back to 2011.

There is no health risk to people engaging in recreational contact with these waters. “Swimming, kayaking, or other recreational contact with Rum Creek or the Rogue River does not present a health risk to individuals,” said Dr. Janet Anderson, a toxicologist and PFOA/PFOS expert at Integral Consulting. “These recreational activities, including any incidental consumption of water, would not increase anyone’s health risk.”

Groundwater samples taken from existing monitoring wells at the Tannery site ranged in concentration from 12,700 parts-per-trillion (ppt) to a single high spot of 490,000 ppt for PFOA and PFOS. Samples of pore water – sediment located at the bottom of Rum Creek and the Rogue River, just prior to entering the surface water – diluted to significantly lower concentrations of PFOA and PFOS, ranging from non-detect to 12,400 ppt. Samples taken from surface water diluted even more, ranging from only 6.2 ppt to 16.5 ppt for PFOA and PFOS. These samples were taken from five locations on the Rogue River, starting just north of 12 Mile Road (and well upstream of the former Tannery site) and proceeding to the end of the Rogue River near the Grand River. A map showing the Rogue River surface water testing locations is attached to this release.

In 2016 the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a lifetime drinking water advisory of 70 ppt combined for PFOA and PFOS, but this does **not apply to the water tested** because it is not used for drinking water.

“Our first priority has been and continues to be the health and well-being of the community. We will continue to be proactive and transparent as we work through these legacy issues,” said Chris Hufnagel, senior vice president of strategy for Wolverine Worldwide. “We are sharing this information because we want residents to know what we know. We continue to work in collaboration with the MDEQ and other agencies on this issue and as we conduct further evaluation and receive additional information, we will notify our neighbors and the community.”

Wolverine closed its tanning operation in 2009, a process monitored by the MDEQ and other government regulators. At the time the Tannery was decommissioned, Wolverine complied with the required testing regime and was thoroughly examined by the MDEQ.

To provide regular updates to residents and the community, Wolverine has established a blog – WeAreWolverine.com, along with a dedicated information portal at its corporate website – www.wolverineworldwide.com/about-us/environment. Residents with questions or concerns are encouraged to contact the Company directly at 616.866.5627 or HouseStreet@wwwinc.com.

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