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## **Global Leather Coordinating Committee**

### **News Release**

The Global Leather Coordination Committee (GLCC), which brings together the three international Leather organisations (International Council of Tanners – ICT, International Council of Hides, Skins and Leather Traders Associations – ICHSLTA, International Union of Leather Chemists and Technologists Societies - IULTCS) has issued a statement on the use of the term “Flyleather” in relation to NIKE’s footwear line that uses this term.

While welcoming any process that makes profitable use of otherwise unusable leather splits, shavings and trimmings, members are concerned to clarify that this material is not leather and that the term “Flyleather” serves to confuse the definition of leather and would be considered inappropriate and illegal in many countries of the World.

GLCC members also remain unconvinced by the claims concerning the environmental footprint of the material, since the “system boundaries” used in the calculation are not clear and, apparently, not consistent with the methodology used for the comparison with leather.

The full statement is attached. Copies of this release and the attached statement have been sent to Nike, with an invitation to comment.

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