



Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

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Dear Henrik Lundin,

We are writing on behalf of the Committee in connection with our inquiry into forced labour in UK value chains. The inquiry will explore the extent to which businesses based in the UK are making use of the forced labour of Uyghurs in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR) of China. The inquiry's terms of reference are attached.

We would like to invite you/ a representative from your company to give oral evidence to the Committee (via Zoom) at 10:30am on 5th November 2020. We would appreciate if you could confirm the name of the person who will attend as soon as possible.

In September 2020, following reports that forced labour in the region contributes to international value chains, your company published a statement noting that you do not work with any clothing manufacturer in Xinjiang, and that you have suspended Better Cotton Initiative licencing in the region. You also committed to phasing out an indirect business relationship with a mill in Zhejiang province. Given these actions, the Committee would like you to submit written evidence to the inquiry by Friday 23rd October, addressing the following questions:

- How will you deliver on your commitment not to source cotton, directly or indirectly, from regions of China where there are allegations of forced labour in value chains?
- What other actions are you taking to prevent modern slavery and human rights abuses within your organisation and its value chains?
- What evidence can you supply of compliance with all applicable labour, procurement and anti-slavery laws?
- What are your human rights due diligence processes in respect of your workers and value chains?
- What action does your organisation take - beyond publishing a Modern Slavery Statement and including contractual obligations with suppliers - to ensure modern slavery compliance in your value chain?

Yours sincerely,

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