

Press Release

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The Groupe Rocher challenges the summons for breach of its "duty of care"

Paris, March 24th, 2022 - Groupe Rocher, a French family-owned international company, is challenging the validity of the summons issued by the associations Sherpa and Action Aid accompanied by the Petrol-Is Union regarding a possible breach of its duty of care in its Turkish subsidiary Flormar.

In 2018, the company Kosan, a subsidiary of Groupe Rocher, encountered a social situation in its factory in Turkey opposing it to the Petrol-Is Union. An investigation was then opened and conducted by the Turkish authorities. This case has since been tried locally on several occasions. The decisions handed down by the courts up to the Supreme Court have all been in favour of the Kosan company and have concluded that the union is not representative. No breach or failure of its duty of care has been found.

As a reminder, Groupe Rocher has published its annual Vigilance Plan since 2017, in compliance with the law. Each year, this document identifies all the risks, where these may lead to human rights or environmental violations in particular.

The Groupe Rocher regrets that it has been unfairly targeted in an action aimed at tarnishing its image based on erroneous accusations.

As a French company that guarantees fundamental rights and freedoms, everything is done to ensure that employees are respected.