

Press Release

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Société Générale announces partnership with Nicolas Hulot Foundation for Nature and Humanity

In line with its commitment to sustainable development, Société Générale has become a “Program Partner” of the Nicolas Hulot Foundation for Nature and Humanity. According to the terms of this partnership signed on November 23, Société Générale will support the Foundation’s “2006 – 2008 Water Program”, furthering its important work in nature preservation.

The Nicolas Hulot Foundation is a state-approved organization with a long-term mission to promote environmental education and awareness. The Foundation is committed to scientific and cultural education, serving humanity’s natural patrimony. Over the past fifteen years, the Foundation has educated the general public on the current ecological state of the planet and raised awareness of the importance of environmental preservation.

Philippe Laget, Société Générale Group Director of Quality, Innovation and Sustainable Development, said: “We are pleased to support the Nicolas Hulot Foundation in its educational mission in the service of environmental preservation.” Société Générale, which pursues an ongoing commitment to social and environmental responsibility, is fully cognizant of the impact its financing activities can have in this domain.

“We consider the protection of our water resources to be a particularly critical aspect of environmental preservation. This is the case in emerging countries where access to drinking water is a matter of survival, and in more developed areas where pollution and preserving biodiversity are the main issues,” commented Philippe Laget.

“The Foundation is pleased to have gained the support of a prominent bank and its commitment to pursuing the Foundation’s educational mission in environmental preservation,” said Cecile Ostria, Head of the Nicolas Hulot Foundation for Nature and Humanity.

Société Générale has actively demonstrated its ongoing commitment to social and environmental responsibility. In 2001, the bank was a signatory of the Financial Institutions’ Declaration on the Environment and Sustainable Development drafted under the aegis of the UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme); and in 2003 a signatory of the Global Compact under the aegis of the UNO.

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