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WH Group Releases 2017 Sustainability Report

Highlights Achievements in Five Sustainability Pillars and Leading Position in Global Pork Product Industry

(Hong Kong, June 28, 2018) — **WH Group Limited** (“WH Group” or the “Company”; HKEX stock code: 288), the world’s largest pork company, today released its “2017 Sustainability Report”, highlighting the Company’s environmental, social and governance commitments and achievements in the past year. The report showcases the Company’s leading position in terms of sustainable development in the global pork industry.

After more than three decades of robust growth in mainland China and active exploration of global markets, WH Group is now the leader in the global pork product industry. The Company continues to maintain its leading position of market share in China and the U.S. and is currently expanding its footprint in European markets. In 2017, WH Group made great efforts in the five sustainability pillars of food safety and quality, animal care, environment, people, and helping communities under the leadership of the Environmental, Social and Governance Committee, which is supervised by the Board of the Company.

The Company’s operations in China, the U.S., and Europe all follow a comprehensive quality control system that covers all production stages from feed production, hog production, and pork processing, to transportation and delivery. In China, the Company was the pioneer to test every pig that enters the supply chain for leanness-enhancing agents. In the U.S., the Company initiated the “Raise Your Hand” program in 2017, to encourage employees to speak up if they see something of concern or something unusual—or even when they have a question. As a result, all employees have a role to play in making safe, high-quality foods.

WH Group also took the lead in animal care in the industry. The Company formulates relevant policies and procedures to ensure that animals are treated properly and humanely during rearing, transportation, and slaughtering processes. As of the end of 2017, all pregnant sows on Smithfield’s company-owned farms globally are housed in group-housing systems. All units of WH Group have established a comprehensive preventive and medical system to ensure that animals receive proper immunization and treatment when needed, thus avoiding panic attacks within the animal groups. Henan

Wandong Animal-Husbandry Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of the Company in China, is one of the first farms to obtain a certificate of animal epidemic prevention and purification demonstration in Henan Province of China.

In 2017, WH Group continued to take various innovative measures to reduce the negative impacts on the environment during the entire production process. Furthermore, the reused energy made through biogas power generation and utilization of steam waste heat was equivalent to a reduction of carbon dioxide emissions by 6,658 metric tons. The Company also developed a program to replace metal-halide light fixtures with LEDs, which will result in annual energy savings of approximately USD2 million upon completion. The Company invested more than USD6.52 million in exhaust gas treatment. Electricity generated in a year by Shuanghui's own biogas power plant was 12,600 MWh, and Smithfield has set a reduction target of 25% on absolute GHG emissions by 2025 compared with the 2010 level.

The Company pays great attention to employees' benefits and establishes a comprehensive employment system and plans for the protection of employees' rights and benefits. It provides employees with adequate training and welfare programs every year. It also established a caring system to assist employees' children and families with health care, etc.

WH Group greatly appreciates the friendly and harmonious relationship with the communities, involving itself in the volunteer services and food donations actively. The Company operates poverty alleviation and hunger relief campaigns in both China and the U.S., including hunger relief, post-disaster reconstruction, and helping children in need.

Mr. Wan Long, WH Group Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, said: "In 2017, we focused on and committed to driving synergy and integration within the Group and between Shuanghui and Smithfield to build collaboration and unity under the coordination of the WH Group. We were fully aware of the challenges of our global structure, as a result of cultural diversity across different geographic markets and various regulatory requirements. To address stakeholders' concerns, we established close ties with various stakeholders and responsibly sought a shared vision with them through active engagement.

Looking ahead, we will continue to uphold our vision of 'consolidating global resources, achieving synergies, and creating a sustainable future,' by bravely shouldering the responsibility for sustainable development of the industry and society, and engaging with our stakeholders to actively address their concerns. We will earnestly fulfill our obligations as a corporate citizen, facilitate the long-term development of the Group, and achieve communal prosperity through the sustainable development of society and the environment."

About WH Group Limited (HKEX stock code: 288)

WH Group Limited is the largest pork company in the world with the top market share in China, the U.S. and some markets in Europe. It owns many well-recognized and trusted brands and stands above the rest with global market leadership in all key segments of the pork value chain, including packaged meats, fresh pork and hog production. The Group conducts its operations through Henan Shuanghui Investment & Development Co., Ltd., the largest animal protein company in Asia, and Smithfield Foods, the largest pork company in the U.S. For more information, visit www.wh-group.com.

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