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## SHAKIRA HONOURED BY THE IVORS ACADEMY WITH THE SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL AWARD WITH APPLE MUSIC

**LONDON, England – Hipgnosis Song Management**, which offers investors a pure-play exposure to songs and associated intellectual property rights, congratulates Shakira, known as The Queen of Latin Music, who has received the highly prestigious *Special International Award with Apple Music* at the Ivor Novello Awards yesterday, in honour of her phenomenal success as one of the most influential songwriters and musical artists in the world.

Shakira is one the world's best-selling music artists and in January 2021 Hipgnosis Songs Fund (SONG.L) acquired 100% of Shakira's music publishing rights, including publishing and writer's share of income, for her entire catalogue comprising 145 songs.

The award was presented to Shakira by fellow legendary songwriter and performer, Nile Rodgers at the star-studded Ivors held in London – a celebration of excellence in songwriting and composing.

Since releasing her first album in 1991, recorded at just 13, Shakira has sold over 80 million records, making her the bestselling female Latin artist of all time.

She has been awarded a remarkable 3 *GRAMMY*® Awards, 12 Latin *GRAMMY*® Awards, 4 *MTV* Video Music Awards, 7 *Billboard* Music Awards, 39 *Billboard* Latin Music Awards and 6 *Guinness World Records*.

**Merck Mercuriadis, Chief Executive and Founder of Hipgnosis Song Management, said:**

“This incredible woman is one of the most influential people on the planet. With over 73 million Instagram followers and more Spotify and Apple music monthly listeners than The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Elvis Presley, Pink Floyd or Led Zeppelin, she is one of the most successful artists around the globe. Even more important than that she's an incredible songwriter and proud to be a songwriter first and foremost.”

**Nile Rodgers said:**

“I'm delighted to have presented the International Award with Apple Music to one of the true greats.”

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**About Hipgnosis Song Management Limited:**

Hipgnosis Song Management Limited is the Investment Advisor for Hipgnosis Songs Fund Ltd (SONG) and Hipgnosis Songs Capital. Hipgnosis was founded by Merck Mercuriadis, former manager of globally successful recording artists, such as Elton John, Guns N' Roses, Morrissey, Iron Maiden and Beyoncé, and hit songwriters such as Diane Warren, Justin Tranter and The-Dream. The Investment Adviser has assembled an Advisory Board of highly successful music industry experts which include award winning members of the artist, songwriter, publishing, legal, financial, recorded music and music management communities, all with in-depth knowledge of music publishing. Members of Hipgnosis Song Management Ltd Advisory Board include Nile Rodgers, The-Dream, Giorgio Tuinfort, Starrah, David A. Stewart, Poo Bear, Bill Leibowitz, Ian Montone and Rodney Jerkins.