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First Quarter Corporate Responsibility Update 12 weeks to 9th June 2012

Award-winning quarter for Sainsbury's 20 by 20 Sustainability Plan

- **FTSE4Good Sector Leader:** Highest sector performer across all three pillars of environmental, social and governance practices by the internationally respected FTSE4Good Index.
- **Triple win for the Environment:** Named *Sustainable Business of the Year* at the Environment and Energy Awards and won both the *Energy* and *Carbon* categories in the Guardian's Sustainable Business Awards.
- **Winner at the Business Charity Awards:** Won *Best Single Project Award* for our work with FareShare on the 1 Million Meal Appeal, which donated over 1.2 million meals to support disadvantaged families.

Justin King, Chief Executive, said: "We have again demonstrated how our values make us different with recognition as sector leader by the FTSE4Good Index and being named Sustainable Business of the Year. These are great endorsements of our efforts and we're delighted that our work in the community, such as the Sainsbury's School Games and the Paralympics, are leading customers to rate us ahead of our key competitors for our approach to society and the environment."

Highlights from the quarter include:

1. Best for food & health

- **Calories:** Continued our leadership position in reducing salt, saturated fat, fat and sugar in our own brand products including the launch of reduced salt bacon, with a 36% reduction in salt. Committed to the Department of Health Responsibility Deal pledge on calories.
- **Alcohol:** Committed to the Department of Health Responsibility Deal pledge which aims to remove one billion units of alcohol from the market by December 2015.
- **Wells Challenge:** Our work with ten families, all with the surname Wells, reached its half way point, with 90 per cent of the families feeling they have followed the Sainsbury's pharmacist's advice and half now feeling better equipped to deal with minor ailments.

2. Sourcing with integrity

- **Dairy:** Unique cost of production model introduced from 1st May 2012, voted on by our farmers, supporting Sainsbury's Dairy Development Group farmers in their investment in outstanding animal welfare and environmental standards. Our work to deliver carbon and environmental benefits was awarded a Responsible Supply Chain 'Big Tick' by Business in the Community.

3. Respect for our environment

- **Awards:** Named *Sustainable Business of the Year* at the Environment and Energy Awards and won both the *Energy* and *Carbon* categories in the Guardian's Sustainable Business Awards
- **Biomass:** We introduced renewable heating to our 30th supermarket through the installation of biomass boilers.

- **Refrigerants:** We converted our 100th store to CO₂ refrigeration in March. We are one of the largest users of CO₂ refrigeration systems globally.

4. Making a positive difference to our community

- **Winner of the Business Charity Awards:** We won *Best Single Project* for our work with FareShare on the 1 Million Meal Appeal which donated over 1.2 million meals to support disadvantaged families.
- **Sainsbury's UK School Games:** A multi-sport event for elite young athletes took place in May with the final day of competition being held in the Olympic Park.
- **Paralympics:** 100 days ahead of the London 2012 Paralympic Games, we announced over £100,000 has already been raised for the British Paralympic Association from sales of Sainsbury's Paralympic Super Shopper Bags.
- **Community investment:** During the quarter we published details of our annual investment in community for 2011/12, and opened nominations for Local Charity of the Year for each store for 2012/13. Last year we invested £25.4 million in communities, supporting over 1,000 local and national charities and community groups. Colleagues, customers and suppliers raised a further £21.2 million, with colleagues volunteering over 7,000 days.

5. A great place to work

- **Colleague bonus:** This year we paid out bonuses totalling over £60 million to over 125,000 colleagues.
- **Jobs:** During the quarter we announced plans for around 6,000 jobs over the forthcoming year, linked to new store openings and extensions.
- **Recognition for Carers:** 100 Sainsbury's colleagues with responsibilities as carers had a once in a lifetime experience as part of the Queen's Thames Diamond Jubilee River Pageant.

For more information on Sainsbury's *20 by 20 Sustainability Plan* please go to www.j-sainsbury.co.uk/responsibility.

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