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William Sinclair Holdings PLC
(**"William Sinclair" or "the Company"**)

Acquisition

William Sinclair, one of the UK's leading suppliers of growing media, is pleased to announce the acquisition of the assets and trade of Monro Horticulture Limited's premium decorative aggregates business.

The Directors of the Company believe that the acquisition will be modestly earnings enhancing during the year to 30 September 2011 and will provide growth potential for the future, benefiting from Sinclair's strong financial position and its wider reach in the horticulture market.

This acquisition complements the Company's recent acquisition of Growing Success Organics, the market leader in specialist, environmentally friendly, garden care products from Monro Horticulture Limited on 22 November 2010. The Company expects Growing Success Organics will generate sales of approximately GBP3 million in the year ended 30 September 2011.

Bernard Burns, Chief Executive, William Sinclair Holdings PLC, commented:

"This acquisition re-affirms our commitment to supply premium products via our own extensive retail sales network to our customers - an essential part of providing the highest levels of customer service in the industry.

"William Sinclair is growing fast and we are intent on becoming the leading company in the horticulture sector. We will continue to consider further acquisition targets."

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Notes:

- William Sinclair's brands include J Arthur Bowers and the award winning New Horizon. New Horizon has won nine Which? Best Buy awards.
- William Sinclair recently launched its peat free alternative under the trade name SuperFyba. With similar characteristics to peat, SuperFyba looks and behaves like peat, but is made from a renewable by-product from the production of green compost.
- Sinclair's significant investment in new technologies has secured an end use for this by-product, avoiding the need for it to go to landfill.
- Approved by Nottingham University, SuperFyba is already being used by a number of customers and many professional growers are taking deliveries for their own in house trials.