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WILLIAM SINCLAIR HOLDINGS PLC

("William Sinclair" or "the Company")

Comment regarding the Company's Bolton Fell Facility

William Sinclair Holdings Plc is one of the UK's leading producers of commercial horticulture and branded garden products. The Company provides peat based and non peat growing media and fertiliser products to the retail and commercial sectors.

William Sinclair has been informed by Natural England that DEFRA has confirmed the decision that the bog at Bolton Fell in Cumbria, from which the Company harvests approximately 30% of its peat requirement, has been submitted to the EU as a Special Area for Conservation (SAC).

The submission is part of the UK government fulfilling its obligation under the Habitats Directive.

William Sinclair confirms they have had discussions with Natural England regarding this issue and that negotiations about levels of compensation are on-going. The Company employs over 100 people at the Bolton Fell site.

A further announcement will be made to shareholders in due course.

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