Greencore Group plc ("Greencore" or the "Company")

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# **Results of Extraordinary General Meeting**

The Board of Greencore announces that, at the Extraordinary General Meeting held earlier today, the Resolutions to approve the acquisition of the Peacock Foods and the Rights Issue, details of which were set out in the prospectus dated 14 November 2016 (as supplemented by way of supplemental prospectus on 5 December 2016) and the Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting included in the circular dated 14 November 2016 (together, the "**Documents**"), were duly passed without amendment on a poll by the requisite majority of shareholders present.

Details of the total votes received in relation to each of the Resolutions (which are described in the Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting set out in the Circular) are as follows:

	Votes FOR	Votes AGAINST	Total Votes Cast (Excluding Withheld)	Number of Votes Withheld
Resolution 1 – To approve the acquisition of CB- Peacock Holdings Inc.	283,287,865 (98.08%)	5,533,227 (1.92%)	288,821,092	1,841,177
Resolution 2 – To increase the Company's authorised share capital	274,704,175 (95.17%)	13,937,016 (4.83%)	288,641,191	9,009
Resolution 3 - To authorise the Directors to issue relevant securities	283,113,066 (98.03%)	5,684,197 (1.97%)	288,797,263	1,862,830
Resolution 4 - To dis-apply pre- emption rights	283,065,680 (98.04%)	5,648,028 (1.96 %)	288,713,708	1,948,218

Resolution 5 –	285,062,677	5,557,506	290,620,183	37,967
To approve the	(98.09 %)	(1.91 %)		
reduction of				
undenominated				
share capital				
arising from the				
Rights Issue in				
order to create				
distributable				
reserves				

As at 6.00 p.m. on 5 December 2016, the total number of Existing Greencore Shares eligible to be voted at the Extraordinary General Meeting was 414,866,058 Ordinary Shares.

The Rights Issue remains conditional, amongst other things, upon Admission of the New Greencore Shares, nil paid and fully paid, having occurred not later than 8.00 a.m. on 8 December 2016 (or such later time and date as the Joint Bookrunners and the Joint Sponsors may agree in writing).

The passing of the Resolutions will enable the Company to proceed with the fully underwritten Rights Issue to raise net proceeds of approximately £426.6 million.

Applications have been made to the UK Listing Authority for 287,214,963 New Greencore Shares (calculated on the basis of the number of Ordinary Shares in issue as at 5 December 2016, being the Record Date for entitlements under the Rights Issue) to be admitted to the premium listing segment of the Official List and to the London Stock Exchange for such New Greencore Shares to be admitted to trading, nil paid, on the main market for listed securities at 8.00 a.m. (London time) on 8 December 2016. These New Greencore Shares will be issued under authority granted by the Resolutions at today's Extraordinary General Meeting and comprise 287,203,887 New Greencore Shares (calculated on the basis of the issued share capital as at 14 November 2016, being the date of announcement of the Acquisition and the Rights Issue) and a further 11,076 New Greencore Shares (calculated on the basis of the additional 15,999 Ordinary Shares which issued as a result of the exercise of share options between 14 November 2016 and the Record Date).

Provisional Allotment Letters are expected to be posted today to Qualifying Non-CREST Shareholders (subject to certain exceptions in relation to persons located in the US and any Excluded Territory).

It is expected that Admission will take place, and that dealings (for normal settlement) in the New Greencore Shares (nil paid) will commence, at 8.00 a.m. (London time) on 8 December 2016. CREST stock accounts of Qualifying CREST Shareholders are expected to be credited with Nil Paid Rights as soon as practicable after 8.00 a.m. (London time) on 8 December 2016. The latest date for acceptance, payment in full and registration of renunciation of Provisional Allotment Letters for the Rights Issue is 11.00 a.m. (London time) on 21 December 2016.

For further details, please refer to the Documents, which are available on the Company's website www.greencore.com.

Terms defined in the Documents have the same meanings when used in this announcement, unless otherwise defined.

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### **OVERSEAS SHAREHOLDERS**

The availability of the Rights Issue to persons who are not resident in the United Kingdom or Ireland may be affected by the laws of their relevant jurisdiction. Such persons should inform themselves of, and observe, any applicable legal or regulatory requirements of their jurisdiction. Further details in relation to overseas shareholders are contained in the Prospectus.

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