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Re: Posting of Scheme Document for Recommended Acquisition of Fyffes

In relation to the announcement made on December 9, 2016, “Agreement for Recommended Cash Acquisition of Fyffes, an International Produce Marketer and Distributor” (hereafter, the “Acquisition”), Sumitomo Corporation (hereafter “Sumitomo”) notes the announcement by Fyffes plc (Headquarters: Dublin, Ireland, Chairman: David McCann) (hereafter “Fyffes”) that Fyffes is posting a circular relating to the Scheme (hereafter, the “Scheme Document”) to its shareholders on December 20, 2016 (GMT).

A copy of the Scheme Document (English only) can be found on Sumitomo’s website (<http://www.sumitomocorp.co.jp/english/news/detail/id=29589>).

Below is an indicative timetable of expected dates for certain principal events relating to the Acquisition, as outlined in the Scheme Document.

Events	Date (GMT)
Scheme Meetings (To consider approval of the Scheme)	January 16, 2017
Extraordinary General Meeting (To consider approval of shareholder resolutions relating to the Scheme)	January 16, 2017
Court Hearing to sanction the Scheme	February 22, 2017 (Expected Date)
Effective Date of the Scheme	February 23, 2017 (Expected Date)
Cancellation of listings of Fyffes shares	February 23, 2017 (Expected Date)

* Capitalized terms used in this announcement, and not otherwise defined, have the same meanings given in the Scheme Document.

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General

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The Acquisition will not be made available, directly or indirectly, in any jurisdiction where local laws or regulations may result in a significant risk of civil, regulatory or criminal exposure if information concerning the Acquisition is sent or made available in that jurisdiction (a "Restricted Jurisdiction"), and the Acquisition will not be capable of acceptance from within a Restricted Jurisdiction.

The release, publication or distribution of this Announcement in or into certain jurisdictions may be restricted by the laws of those jurisdictions. Accordingly, copies of this Announcement and all other documents relating to the Acquisition are not being, and must not be, released, published, mailed or otherwise forwarded, distributed or sent in, into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction. Persons receiving such documents (including, without limitation, nominees, trustees and custodians) should observe these restrictions. Failure to do so may constitute a violation of the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, Sumitomo, Swordus Ireland Holding Limited and Fyffes disclaim any responsibility or liability for the violations of any such restrictions by any person.

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This announcement contains certain forward-looking statements with respect to Sumitomo and Fyffes. These forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate only to historical or current facts. Forward-looking statements often use words such as "anticipate", "target", "expect", "estimate", "intend", "plan", "goal", "believe", "aim", "will", "may", "would", "could" or "should" or other words of similar meaning or the negative thereof. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. All subsequent oral or written forward-looking statements attributable to Sumitomo or Fyffes or any persons acting on their behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statement above. Neither Sumitomo or Fyffes undertake any obligation to update publicly or revise forward-looking or other statements contained in this Announcement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except to the extent legally required

Responsibility Statements

The Sumitomo Directors and the Directors of Swordus Ireland Holding Limited accept responsibility for the information contained in this Announcement other than that relating to Fyffes, the Fyffes Group and the Fyffes Directors and members of their immediate families, related trusts and persons connected with them. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Sumitomo Directors and the Directors of Swordus Ireland Holding Limited (who, in each case, have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this Announcement for which they accept responsibility is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.