Nomination for Board of Governors Election
14th General Assembly of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO)

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BOARD SEAT: RETAILERS

Name of organisation    Marks & Spencer PLC
Membership number       3-0009-06-000-00
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Summary

Nominee Profile

Fiona has a wealth of experience of the retail sector having worked for Sainsbury’s for almost 20 years followed by a period at John Lewis before moving to Marks and Spencer in 2011. Fiona is responsible for M&S strategy on raw materials such as timber, palm oil, soy, seafood, cocoa, as well as areas such as freshwater and biodiversity. She leads policy development on soy and palm oil within the Consumer Goods Forum and participates in various Advisory Groups on sustainable commodities. Fiona believes we must develop new models of collaboration, coalition and partnership to address the complex and deep-seated challenges affecting society and the environment.

Organisation Profile

M&S is one of the UK’s leading retailers. We are committed to making every moment special for our customers, through our high quality, own-brand Food, Clothing & Home products we offer in our 1,433 stores worldwide and online.

Making every food moment special is the aim of our Food business, which accounts for 60% of our UK turnover. Through the innovation, quality and choice that we offer, customers know they can come to us for every occasion, whether it is healthy cooking ideas, delicious meals from around the world or convenient food on-the-go. We sell food through 942 UK stores, including 253 owned and 383 franchise Simply Food stores.
We sell beautifully designed, high quality, own-brand clothing and homeware through 343 full-line stores, Outlets and our M&S.com website. Our Womenswear, Menswear, Kidswear, Lingerie, Beauty and Home products account for 40% of our UK turnover. With our focus on contemporary style and wardrobe essentials, we are the UK’s biggest clothing retailer by value. We are also the market leader in Womenswear, Lingerie and Menswear.

We export the best of M&S Clothing & Home and Food around the world, with stores across Europe, Asia and the Middle East. We also have a growing international online business. Following a strategic review of our International business, we are focusing on our established joint venture and franchise partnerships and operating fewer wholly-owned markets.

In January 2007, we launched Plan A to address the key environmental, social and ethical challenges facing M&S. After ten years and two further updates, Plan A continues to lead the sustainable business agenda. This year we launched a new set of commitments which have been developed to transition Plan A into a new way of working and engaging with our customers.