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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

21 December 2016

Greencore Group plc

("Greencore" or the "Company")

#### **Results of Rights Issue**

Greencore is pleased to announce that, as at 11.00 a.m. on 21 December 2016 (the latest time and date for acceptance, payment in full and registration of renounced Provisional Allotment Letters), it had received valid acceptances in respect of 273,565,760 New Greencore Shares (representing 95.2 per cent. of the New Greencore Shares offered) pursuant to the Rights Issue announced on 14 November 2016 to part finance the proposed acquisition of Peacock.

It is expected that dealings in the New Greencore Shares, fully paid, will commence on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities from 8.00 a.m., 22 December 2016. It is also expected that the New Greencore Shares held in uncertificated form will be credited to CREST accounts as soon as practicable after 8.00 a.m., 22 December 2016, and that share certificates in respect of New Greencore Shares held in certificated form will be despatched to Qualifying Non-CREST Shareholders by no later than 5 January 2017.

In accordance with their obligations under the Sponsors and Underwriting Agreement dated 14 November 2016, HSBC, Goodbody and Jefferies shall use reasonable endeavours to procure, by no later than 4.30 p.m. on 22 December 2016, subscribers for all of the remaining 13,649,203 New Greencore Shares not validly accepted (representing approximately 4.8 per cent. of the New Greencore Shares), failing which HSBC, Goodbody, Jefferies and Rabobank (collectively, the "Underwriters") have agreed to subscribe for, on a several basis, any remaining New Greencore Shares.

Qualifying Shareholders who did not take up their rights in the Rights Issue may have the New Greencore Shares to which they are entitled sold on their behalf. To the extent that such New Greencore Shares are sold at a premium to the Rights Issue price of 153 pence per New Greencore Share and the Rights Issue Expenses of procuring those investors (including any applicable brokerage and commissions and amounts in respect of VAT which, in the reasonable opinion of the Underwriters, are not recoverable), such Qualifying Shareholder will be sent a cheque for the amount of that aggregate premium less such Rights Issue Expenses, so long as the amount in question is at least £5.00. Where such aggregate premium less such Rights Issue Expenses is less than £5.00, such amounts will be aggregated and it is intended that such amount shall be donated by Greencore to charities chosen by the Board.

A further announcement as to the number of New Greencore Shares not taken up in the Rights Issue for which subscribers have been procured will be made in due course.

Details of the Acquisition and Rights Issue are set out in the circular dated 14 November 2016, the prospectus dated 14 November 2016 and the supplementary prospectus dated 5 December 2016 (together, the "**Documents**"), available on the Company's website at www.greencore.com.

Defined terms used in this announcement shall have the same meanings as set out in the Documents.

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## Publication on website

A copy of this announcement will be available free of charge on Greencore's website at www.greencore.com by no later than 5.00 p.m. (London time) on 21 December 2016.

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