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### For Immediate Release

# **GREENCORE GROUP PLC**

# **Publication of Circular**

### 20 December 2018

Further to the announcement earlier today by Greencore Group plc ("Greencore" or the "Group") setting out further details of the tender offer of up to approximately £509 million (the "Tender Offer"), Greencore now announces that the circular to shareholders in connection with the Tender Offer, which also includes notice of Greencore's Annual General Meeting (the "Circular") has been approved by the FCA and will shortly be submitted to the National Storage Mechanism, along with the Tender Form and the Form of Proxy in respect of the Annual General Meeting.

The Circular, the Tender Form and the Form of Proxy will be available for inspection at www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/NSM and will also be available on the Greencore website: www.greencore.com.

As noted in today's earlier announcement and in the Circular, the implementation of the Tender Offer requires Shareholder approval at the Annual General Meeting. Greencore confirms that, as set out in the Notice of Annual General Meeting and in the Circular, the Tender Offer Resolution (being resolution number 7 in the Notice of Annual General Meeting) will be proposed as a special resolution and as such requires the approval of not less than 75% of the votes cast (whether in person or by proxy) at the Annual General Meeting.

The defined terms set out in Appendix II of this morning's announcement have the same meaning herein, unless the context requires otherwise.

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#### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

### Greencore:

- A leading manufacturer of convenience food in the UK
- Strong market positions in the UK convenience food market across food to go, chilled prepared meals, chilled soups and sauces, chilled quiche, ambient sauces & pickles, and frozen Yorkshire puddings
- · For more information go to www.greencore.com or follow Greencore on social media

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- demand for Greencore's products may be affected by changes in consumer behaviour and demand and changes in consumer legislation;
- · Greencore's success may depend on their customers' brands, reputations and relationships; and

• other factors discussed in more detail in the Circular.

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