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Introduction

The environment plays a crucial role in the success and sustainability of businesses. At The J. M. Smucker Company ("we," "us," and "our"), we recognize the intrinsic value that biodiversity, soil health, and water have in maintaining the health of our planet, the well-being of all its inhabitants, and the long-term sustainability of our business.

Natural ecosystems are under threat from various factors, including climate change, habitat loss, pollution, and unsustainable agricultural practices. These challenges lead to a decline in biodiversity, disrupting ecological balance and the services ecosystems provide, such as clean air, water, and pollination of crops. We are committed to safeguarding biodiversity and minimizing our ecological footprint. Our commitment to the environment is rooted in our *Basic Beliefs* to **Do the Right Thing** and **Thrive Together** and our understanding of the challenges facing natural ecosystems and our responsibility to be part of the solution.

Solutions

To address these challenges, we are focused on:

- **Water Stewardship.** Water is a vital resource that sustains life and drives economic growth. Recognizing its critical importance, we acknowledge that our business, from crop production to manufacturing, depends on a reliable and sustainable water supply. In addition, we support the human right to water as defined by the United Nations which "entitles everyone to sufficient, safe, acceptable and physically accessible and affordable water for personal and domestic uses." Our commitment to water stewardship involves robust governance and regular risk assessments to ensure sustainable water use. We prioritize water efficiency in production and continuously strive to improve the health and resilience of watersheds in our supply chains.
- **Sustainable Agriculture.** We will support and strive to implement sustainable agriculture practices that enhance soil health, increase biodiversity, and improve water quality. This includes no-till farming, cover cropping, and diversified crop rotations to build resilient agricultural systems in important supply sheds, to not

only support our consumers' needs but to create a healthier planet for future generations.

- **Conservation and Forest Protection.** We believe Earth's natural habitats are essential in the mission to preserve biodiversity. We will work to preserve natural habitats within our supply chain regions. We will work with local conservation groups to protect and restore areas that are critical for water, pollinators, wildlife and plant species, ensuring the integrity of local ecosystems. We are committed to maintaining forests through upholding our no deforestation policy.
- **Sustainable Sourcing.** Our sourcing policies require suppliers to demonstrate a commitment to environmental stewardship. We will source materials in a responsible manner and utilize materials harvested through ethical farming practices to minimize our impact on the environment and to encourage sustainable practices throughout our supply chain.
- **Place-Based Initiatives.** We will engage in place-based initiatives that focus on the unique environmental and social characteristics of the communities where we operate. These initiatives will aim to improve quality of life and access to opportunities while preserving local biodiversity.
- **Stakeholder Engagement.** We believe in accountability and transparency. Engaging with and regularly reporting to stakeholders, including employees, investors, NGOs, and customers, will maintain transparency of our efforts, while learning from their expertise. This collaboration will be key to achieving meaningful impact and will foster dialogue and knowledge exchange to drive positive change.

Implementation and Monitoring

To ensure the effectiveness of our environmental policy, we will periodically conduct risk assessments, determine priority actions, and report on our achievements. We will engage with stakeholders, including employees, suppliers, and community members, to foster collaboration and transparency in our efforts.

Conclusion

We are dedicated to protecting the environment and enhancing biodiversity. Through our actions, we aim to contribute to a healthier planet for current and future generations, while ensuring the long-term success of our Company. Together, we can make a positive impact on the environment and inspire others to do the same.