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Dear Sir

## J Sainsbury plc announces : Holding in company

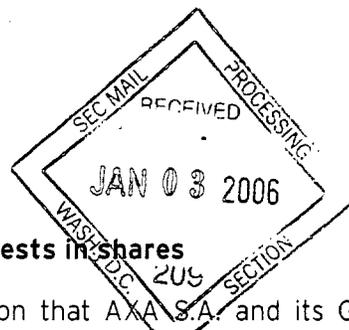
Please find enclosed a copy of the above announcement made to the London Stock Exchange on 12 December 2005.

Yours faithfully

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### **J Sainsbury plc announces notification of major interests in shares**

On 9 December 2005, Sainsbury's received notification that AXA S.A. and its Group companies were interested in 205,134,555 ordinary shares representing 12.05% of the issued share capital. These shares are represented by a beneficial interest of 1,494,605 (0.09%) and a non-beneficial interest of 203,639,950 (11.96%), the majority of which, 202,541,624 was held by AXA Financial, Inc on behalf of Bernstein. AXA's previously disclosed total shareholding was 10.26%.