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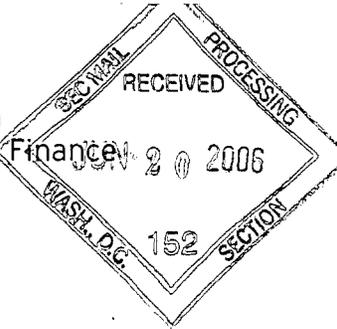


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Dear Sir

J Sainsbury Announces: Notification of major interests in shares

Please find enclosed a copy of the above announcements made to the London Stock Exchange on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

Yours sincerely

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**Hazel Jarvis**  
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