

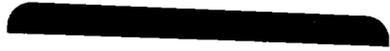


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J Sainsbury Acquires Stores From Somerfield

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Please find enclosed a copy of the above announcements made to the London Stock Exchange on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2006.

Yours sincerely

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