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GRASS FED STATEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

In Ireland, our cows consume a predominately grass based diet throughout their lifetime. Even during the winter period, when cows are housed, they are fed a diet of consisting of silage (fermented grass) which is supplemented with small amounts of concentrates. Research by Teagasc, the Irish national agriculture and food research agency, indicates that over 90% of the cow's diet is from grass.

Our outdoor grazing, extensive grass based farming system provides us with the perfect environment for sustainable dairy farming. Influenced by the Gulf Stream, our mild temperate climate, plentiful rainfall and rich, deep soils give us the longest growing season in the Northern Hemisphere, with cows outdoors for up to 300 days each year.

With a national average herd size of just 70 cows, low stocking densities and average milk yields combined with a traditional family farming structure, means that Ireland has an enviable reputation for animal care & stockmanship.

All this allows us to source the highest quality milk from our farmer owners who have been farming this way for generations.

Carbery is a member of the Origin Green sustainability programme, a unique initiative that unites government, the private sector and food producers. Origin Green protects and builds on Irelands natural assets. Ireland already has the lowest carbon footprint for milk in EU 27, but we are going further. Ireland is the only country in the world routinely auditing and carbon footprinting each dairy farm every 18 months, through a cycle of measurement, feedback and continuous improvement. In Carbery we work closely with our farmer suppliers, through our network of milk advisors and farm sustainability officers.

Independently verified, Origin Green enables Ireland's farmers to set and achieve measurable sustainability targets – reducing environmental impact, serving local communities more effectively and protecting the extraordinary rich natural resources that our country enjoys.

See www.origingreen.ie and www.carbery.com/group/responsibility/ for further details on Carbery's and Ireland's commitment to sustainability.

Signed: _____

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