

29 March 2005 – Tate & Lyle PLC

Trading Update prior to Closed Period

Before entering its closed period for the year ending 31 March 2005 and prior to meeting with stockbrokers' analysts, Tate & Lyle issues the following routine trading update. The preliminary announcement of results for the year ending 31 March 2005 will be made on 2 June 2005.

Since the update on 25 January 2005 Tate & Lyle's overall trading performance has continued to be good and in line with our expectations.

Demand for our high intensity sweetener SPLENDA[®] Sucralose remains very strong with current production capacity fully utilised. Work on the plant expansions in McIntosh, Alabama, and the construction of the new plant in Singapore remains on track. There have been recent announcements concerning the launch of diet carbonated soft drinks which will include SPLENDA[®] Sucralose.

Food and Industrial Ingredients, Americas has performed well, again benefiting from growth in value added food ingredients.

The construction of the Bio-3G plant in Loudon, Tennessee, is progressing satisfactorily.

Our sugar operations in Canada, Vietnam and Mexico continue to perform in line with our expectations.

The good performance from SPLENDA[®] Sucralose has offset both lower sweetener margins in Food and Industrial Ingredients, Europe (as reported in our trading update on 25 January 2005), and the impact of higher cost export licences in Sugars, Europe.

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About Tate & Lyle:

Tate & Lyle is a world leading manufacturer of renewable food and industrial ingredients. It uses innovative technology to transform corn, wheat and sugar into value-added ingredients for customers in the food, beverage, pharmaceutical, cosmetic, paper, packaging and building industries. The Company is a leader in cereal sweeteners and starches, sugar refining, value added food and industrial ingredients, and citric acid. Tate & Lyle is the world number-one in industrial starches and is the sole manufacturer of SPLENDA[®] Sucralose.

Headquartered in London, Tate & Lyle is listed on the London Stock Exchange under the symbol TATE.L. In the US its ADRs trade under TATYY. The Company operates more than 60 production facilities in 28 countries, throughout Europe, the Americas and South East Asia. It employs 6,700 people in its subsidiaries with a further 4,800 employed in joint ventures. Sales in the year to 31 March 2004 totalled £3.1 billion. Additional information can be found on www.tateandlyle.com.

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