

## **Origin Enterprises plc**

### **TRADING UPDATE**

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Origin Enterprises plc ('Origin') has delivered an excellent performance in its first quarter, primarily due to the renewed buoyancy in primary producer markets. In particular, increased cereal plantings in the UK are driving a higher application of key farm inputs, resulting in an improved performance within the Group's Agri-Inputs business.

It should be noted that historically just over 15% of operating profit is earned in the first quarter of the financial year.

The renewed momentum across the markets in which Origin operates reflects a new underlying growth dynamic. The Group is well placed to achieve growth from continuing operations in the current financial year.

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#### **About Origin Enterprises plc**

Origin Enterprises plc is a leading Agri-Nutrition and Food company. The Agri-Nutrition division, through its manufacturing and distribution operations in Ireland and the UK, has leading market positions in the supply of feed ingredients, crop nutrition and specialist marine proteins. The Group's Food division comprising sales, marketing distribution and manufacturing activities in Ireland, has leadership positions in ambient food, across the retail, food service and manufacturing sectors. The Group has the benefit of a substantial operating asset base including a number of significant properties with development potential located in areas destined for future development and regeneration.

#### **Note**

All comments are based on unaudited management accounts. Certain statements made in this trading update are forward-looking statements. Such statements are based on current expectations and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from any expected future events or results referred to in these forward-looking statements.