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J. M. Smucker Declares Dividend

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ORRVILLE, Ohio, Oct. 24 /**PRNewswire**/ -- On October 24, 2000, the Board of Directors of The J. M. Smucker Company (NYSE: SJM), Orrville, Ohio, declared a 16 cents per share dividend on the Common Shares of the Company to be paid on December 1, 2000, to shareholders of record at the close of business on November 17, 2000. SOURCE The J.M. Smucker Company

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