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J. M. Smucker To Present at Sidoti Annual Emerging Growth Institutional Investor Forum

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ORRVILLE, Ohio, Apr 9, 2003 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- The J. M. Smucker Company (NYSE: SJM) announced today that Steven J. Ellcessor, CFO, and Mark R. Belgya, Treasurer, will make a presentation at the Sidoti Annual Emerging Growth Institutional Investor Forum in New York City on Thursday, April 10, at 1:30 p.m. ET. They will review the fiscal year to date and provide an overview of the Company's strategy for fiscal year 2004.

The Sidoti Forum is not web cast; however, a copy of the presentation will be available on the Company's web site, www.smuckers.com , tomorrow afternoon.

The J. M. Smucker Company (www.smuckers.com) was founded in 1897 when the Company's namesake and founder sold his first product -- apple butter -- from the back of a horse-drawn wagon. Today, over a century later, the Company is the market leader in fruit spreads, ice cream toppings, health and natural foods beverages, and natural peanut butter in North America. In June of 2002, the Company further enhanced its leadership position with the addition of Jif(R) peanut butter and Crisco(R) shortening and oils to the Smucker family of brands. For over 100 years, The J. M. Smucker Company has been headquartered in Orrville, Ohio, and has been family run for four generations. The Company has over 2,700 employees worldwide and distributes products in more than 45 countries.

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