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Nancy Lopez Nominated To The J. M. Smucker Company Board Of Directors

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ORRVILLE, Ohio, May 16 /**PRNewswire-FirstCall**/ -- The J. M. Smucker Company (NYSE: SJM) today announced its Board of Directors has nominated Nancy Lopez for election to the Company's Board at the upcoming 2006 annual meeting of shareholders.

Ms. Lopez is the founder and principal of the Nancy Lopez Golf Company, a company focused exclusively on the design and manufacture of top-quality golf equipment for women. Ms. Lopez is also an accomplished professional golfer, having won 48 career titles, including three majors, on the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Tour. She is a member of the LPGA Hall of Fame, the World Golf Hall of Fame and captained the 2005 U.S. Solheim Cup Team to victory. In 2003, Ms. Lopez was named to the Hispanic Business magazine's list of 80 Elite Hispanic Women.

"We are delighted to nominate Nancy Lopez to our Board of Directors and are pleased she has agreed to stand for election at our annual meeting of shareholders," said Tim Smucker, chairman and co-chief executive officer. "With her unique professional and personal background, Nancy's election as an independent director will continue to build on the wide diversity of talent and perspectives already represented on the Smucker Board."

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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, peanut butter, shortening and oils, ice cream toppings, and health and natural foods beverages in North America under such icon brands as Smucker's(R), Jif(R) and Crisco(R). The family of brands also includes Pillsbury(R) baking mixes and ready-to-spread frostings; Hungry Jack(R) pancake mixes, syrups and potato side dishes; and Martha White(R) baking mixes and ingredients in the U.S., along with Robin Hood(R) flour and baking mixes and Bick's(R) pickles and condiments in Canada. For over 109 years, The J. M. Smucker Company has been headquartered in Orrville, Ohio, and has been family run for four generations. Since the 1998 inception of FORTUNE Magazine's annual survey of the 100 Best Companies to Work For, The J. M. Smucker Company has consistently been recognized as one of the top 25 companies to work for in the United States. The J. M. Smucker Company has over 3,500 employees worldwide and distributes products in more than 45 countries.

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