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Dear Sir,

As requested, we hereby submit our resignation as auditors of Safeway plc and the subsidiaries listed in Appendix 1 to this letter with immediate effect.

In accordance with section 394 of the Companies Act 1985, we confirm that there are no circumstances connected with our ceasing to hold office that we consider should be brought to the attention of the members or creditors of each of these companies.

Yours faithfully

ARTHUR ANDERSEN

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Anchor Developments Ltd

English Real Estates Ltd

Equinox Retailing Ltd

Gordav (Portree)/Ltd

13 Property Ltd

Safeway Food Stores Ltd

Safeway Overseas Ltd

Safeway Pension Trustees Ltd

Safeway Properties Ltd

Safeway Quest Trustees Ltd

Safeway Stores (Ireland) Ltd

Safeway Stores Fuel Ltd

Safeway Stores plc

Safeway Trustees Furb Ltd

Stores Group Ltd

Velligrist Ltd