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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Caterpillar Highlights Commitment to “Building Better” and Making Sustainable Progress Possible Around the World***2016 Sustainability Report Available Online*

PEORIA, Ill. – Caterpillar Inc. (NYSE: CAT) published its Sustainability Report today, highlighting the company’s focus for more than 90 years on building better – better lives, better communities and, ultimately, a better world. Titled “Building Better,” the report showcases how Caterpillar customers use the company’s equipment to develop infrastructure, energy and natural resource assets that improve living standards and make sustainable progress around the world.

“Our dedication to building better is stronger than ever,” said Caterpillar CEO Jim Umpleby. “Caterpillar, our customers and dealers are investing to help address the world’s persistent challenges, such as resource and energy scarcity, poor sanitation, unsafe water and poverty.”

Specific sustainable development achievements highlighted within the report include among others:

- A continued focus on restoring natural infrastructure essential to healthy economies, societies and environmental preservation.
- Active participation in the circular economy through the remanufacturing and rebuilding of Cat® used machines, engines and components.

- An ongoing commitment to address energy availability and access – essential for economic prosperity, growth and security – through the development of products and solutions designed to meet these needs.
- Continued success building on the company’s safety, diversity and inclusion efforts, lowering its recordable injury frequency by 92 percent since 2003 and setting targets to increase the number of women within its workforce and leadership.

To read the report, visit <http://reports.caterpillar.com/sr/>. The company’s Annual Report is also now available at <http://www.caterpillar.com/en/investors/annual-report.html>.

About Caterpillar

For more than 90 years, Caterpillar Inc. has been making sustainable progress possible and driving positive change on every continent. Customers turn to Caterpillar to help them develop infrastructure, energy and natural resource assets. With 2016 sales and revenues of \$38.537 billion, Caterpillar is the world’s leading manufacturer of construction and mining equipment, diesel and natural gas engines, industrial gas turbines and diesel-electric locomotives. The company principally operates through its three product segments - Construction Industries, Resource Industries and Energy & Transportation - and also provides financing and related services through its Financial Products segment. For more information, visit caterpillar.com. To connect with us on social media, visit caterpillar.com/social-media.

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Caterpillar’s actual results may differ materially from those described or implied in our forward-looking statements based on a number of factors, including, but not limited to: (i) global and regional economic conditions and economic conditions in the industries we serve; (ii) commodity price changes, material price increases, fluctuations in demand for our products or significant shortages of material; (iii) government monetary or fiscal policies; (iv) political and economic risks, commercial instability and events beyond our control in the countries in which we operate; (v) our ability to develop, produce and market quality products that meet our customers’ needs; (vi) the impact of the highly competitive environment in which we operate on our sales and pricing; (vii) information technology security threats and computer crime; (viii) additional restructuring costs or a failure to realize anticipated savings or benefits from past or future cost reduction actions; (ix) failure to realize all of the anticipated benefits from initiatives to increase our productivity, efficiency and cash flow and to reduce costs; (x) inventory management decisions and sourcing practices of our dealers and our OEM customers; (xi) a failure to realize, or a delay in realizing, all of the anticipated benefits of our acquisitions, joint ventures or divestitures; (xii) union disputes or other employee relations issues; (xiii) adverse effects of unexpected events including natural disasters; (xiv) disruptions or volatility in global financial markets limiting our sources of liquidity or the liquidity of our customers, dealers and suppliers; (xv) failure to maintain our credit ratings and potential resulting increases to our cost of borrowing and adverse effects on our cost of funds, liquidity, competitive position and access to capital markets; (xvi) our Financial Products segment’s risks associated with the financial services industry; (xvii) changes in interest

rates or market liquidity conditions; (xviii) an increase in delinquencies, repossessions or net losses of Cat Financial's customers; (xix) currency fluctuations; (xx) our or Cat Financial's compliance with financial and other restrictive covenants in debt agreements; (xxi) increased pension plan funding obligations; (xxii) alleged or actual violations of trade or anti-corruption laws and regulations; (xxiii) international trade policies and their impact on demand for our products and our competitive position; (xxiv) additional tax expense or exposure; (xxv) significant legal proceedings, claims, lawsuits or government investigations; (xxvi) new regulations or changes in financial services regulations; (xxvii) compliance with environmental laws and regulations; and (xxviii) other factors described in more detail in Caterpillar's Forms 10-Q, 10-K and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.