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Media Release

**Aquarium brings the spirit of the Amazon to
Peterborough Garden Park**

AMAZONIAN fish flown in from Peru and Singapore will be on show in a massive display aquarium – one of the largest retail displays in the country.

Maidenhead Aquatics has unveiled the huge aquarium as the centrepiece of their newest store at Peterborough Garden Park.

The tank, which contains more than 5,500 litres of water and weighs more than six tons, is more akin to exhibits seen in public aquariums.

Inside the tank is a giant tree root that was built and sculpted in-situ to create the impression of flooded Amazon forest.

Peter Hiscock, Maidenhead Aquatics store manager at the Garden Park, said: “We are all really excited about being able to offer Peterborough its very own slice of the Amazon. Using our biotope aquarium we can mimic the environment that South American fish experience during the flooding season, which gives visitors the opportunity to see Amazonian fish in a natural environment.”

“So far we have released Peruvian angel fish and South American catfish into the tank, but the scene will be regularly changing. Over the next few weeks we will be phasing in a variety of breeds that have either been hand caught or bred specifically in Singapore, including a catfish that can reach up to two-feet in length. Our ultimate goal is to be able to showcase over 150 fish.”

It took ten people to get the aquarium stand into the shop and the tank was built on site in just a few hours by fixing the four panes of 14mm glass together and onto the two-inch thick fibreglass and wood base. It is ten feet long by seven feet wide.

Gordon Edington, Chairman of Peterborough Garden Park, said: "I think this attraction will really capture the imagination of shoppers and I'm sure lots of people will pay a visit just to see this incredible aquarium.

"Peterborough Garden Park isn't just about shopping – it's a fun day out for the whole family – and there is more to come."

For more information on Peterborough Garden Park, log onto www.peterboroughgardenpark.co.uk.

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Notes to Editors

Peterborough Garden Park is an impressive new development located just off the Eye roundabout in Peterborough. It combines the UK's premier garden centre with an exciting mix of lifestyle retailers, offering a superior retail and leisure experience all year round. Set against a backdrop of generous landscaping, Peterborough Garden Park has something for everyone, providing a day out for the whole family.

The Park combines the attributes of a traditional garden centre in Van Hage's dramatic 'Crystal Palace' premises with a mix of lifestyle retailers, including Andronicas World of Coffee, Cotswold Outdoor, Cotton Traders, Hawkins Bazaar, Hobbycraft, Le Creuset, Maidenhead Aquatics, Past Times, PBC Books and Pets Corner.

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