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DS SMITH PLC BOARD CHANGES

DS Smith Plc, the international packaging manufacturer and office products wholesaler, announces the following Board changes.

Gareth Davis

Gareth Davis will join the Board of DS Smith Plc as a Non-Executive Director in mid 2010. Gareth, aged 59, has considerable Board level experience. He has been Chief Executive of Imperial Tobacco Group PLC since its incorporation in 1996, and has served as a Non-Executive Director since 2003 and Senior Independent Director since 2004 of Wolseley plc.

Peter Johnson, Chairman of DS Smith, said:

"I am delighted Gareth Davis will be joining our Board. With his record at Imperial Tobacco, he brings most valuable experience as we embark on the next stage of the Company's development."

As required by the Listing Rules, it is confirmed that there are no details to be disclosed pursuant to LR 9.6.13 R (1) to (6). Mr Davis does not currently hold any shares in the Company.

Senior Independent Director

Chris Bunker has taken over the role of Senior Independent Director with effect from 1 January 2010. Chris takes over from Bob Beeston, who served as Senior Independent Director since September 2003 and as a Non-Executive Director since 5 December 2000. Bob Beeston remains on the Board as a Non-Executive Director.

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