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**DS SMITH ACQUIRES CORRUGATED PACKAGING OPERATIONS FROM  
MACFARLANE**

DS Smith Plc (SMDS), the international packaging and office products supplier, has agreed, subject to various conditions including consultation with the employees, to acquire the business and certain assets and liabilities of the Macfarlane Group Plc corrugated packaging operations at Dundee, Govan and North Shields. These operations in total employ 108 people and had a turnover of £7.3 million in the nine months to September 2003. Net assets being acquired are £0.9 million as at 30 September 2003.

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