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**COMPETITION COMMISSION'S PROVISIONAL FINDINGS ON DS SMITH'S  
ACQUISITION OF LINPAC CONTAINERS**

DS Smith is encouraged by the provisional finding of the Competition Commission's inquiry that DS Smith's completed acquisition of LINPAC Containers is not expected to lead to a substantial lessening of competition. The Company notes the Competition Commission's comments regarding the sheet market and is ready to provide further information as required. DS Smith will continue to work closely with the Competition Commission during the finalisation of its inquiry, which is expected by 3 November 2004.

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