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BOARD APPOINTMENT AT DS SMITH PLC

DS Smith Plc, the international packaging manufacturer and office products wholesaler, announces the following appointment to the Board with effect from 7 September 2006.

Philippe Mellier

Philippe Mellier is appointed as a non-Executive Director of the Company. Philippe, aged 51, is currently President of Alstom Transport and an Executive Vice-President of Alstom Group. Previously he was Chairman and CEO of Renault Trucks and a Member of the Executive Committee of AB Volvo, and prior to that held senior management positions with Renault S.A. and Ford Motor Company.

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 Mellier does not hold any shares in the Company.

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