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DS Smith Plc to appoint Steve Dryden as Group Finance Director

DS Smith Plc, the international packaging manufacturer and office products wholesaler, announces the appointment of Steve Dryden as Group Finance Director. A further announcement will be made in due course to confirm the date on which he will take up this role.

Steve, aged 39, has held the position of Finance Director of Filtrona plc since its demerger from Bunzl plc in 2005. Prior to that, he was divisional Finance Director of the Filtrona businesses and held other senior finance positions within Bunzl plc. Steve began his career at Price Waterhouse and has also held various finance roles within Rolls-Royce plc.

Tony Thorne, Group Chief Executive of DS Smith, said:

“I am delighted that Steve will be joining us as Group Finance Director. His financial capability combined with his operational experience will be valuable to us in continuing the progress of the Group.”

Steve Dryden said:

“I greatly look forward to working with Tony Thorne and his team on the further development of DS Smith.”

Regulatory Disclosure

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 Dryden does not hold any shares in the Company.

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