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**Subject: Publication of important documentation in relation to the recommended all share combination of DS Smith Plc and International Paper Company**

Dear Pension Scheme Trustees,

On 16 April 2024, DS Smith Plc (“**DS Smith**” or the “**Company**”) and International Paper Company (“**International Paper**”) announced that they had reached agreement on the terms of a recommended all-share offer for the combination of DS Smith and International Paper, pursuant to which DS Smith shareholders would be entitled to receive 0.1285 new International Paper shares for each DS Smith share (the “**Combination**”). It is intended that the Combination will be implemented by way of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement (the “**Scheme**”) under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006 (the “**Act**”).

A scheme circular (which contains the Scheme and an explanatory statement in compliance with section 897 of the Act) (the “**Scheme Document**”) was published today by the Company, and is now available to view at, and can be downloaded from, [www.dssmith.com/possible-offer](http://www.dssmith.com/possible-offer).

A copy of this email, along with certain other documents, announcements and information published in relation to the Combination, including the Scheme Document and International Paper Prospectus will also be made available on DS Smith’s website at [www.dssmith.com/possible-offer](http://www.dssmith.com/possible-offer) and through the below QR code:



For the avoidance of doubt, the content of DS Smith’s website is not incorporated into, and does not form part of, this email. Any capitalised terms not otherwise defined in this email shall have the meaning given to them in the Scheme Document.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email and the Scheme Document.

Yours faithfully,

**Iain Simm**  
**Group General Counsel and Company Secretary**  
**DS Smith Plc**  
**Enc.**

#### Notes

#### **Contact information for administrative matters**

*Should you wish to contact the Company regarding administrative matters in view of the publication of the Scheme Document or the Combination, please contact the Company's Registrar, Equiniti Limited ("**Equiniti**"), at +44 (0)333 207 6535. Lines are open 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays in England and Wales).*

#### **Information sharing**

*Please be aware that addresses, electronic addresses and certain other information provided by you for the receipt of communications from DS Smith may be provided to International Paper during the offer period as required under Section 4 of Appendix 4 of the Code.*

#### **Right to request hard copies**

*You may request a hard copy of the Scheme Document (and any information incorporated by reference into it), free of charge, by contacting DS Smith's Registrar, Equiniti, by: (i) submitting a request in writing to Equiniti at Aspect House, Spencer Road, Lancing, West Sussex BN99 6DA, United Kingdom; or (ii) contacting Equiniti between 8.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. (UK time), Monday to Friday (excluding English and Welsh public holidays), on +44 (0) 333 207 6535 (calls from outside the UK will be charged at the applicable international rate and you should use the country code when calling from outside the UK) - calls may be recorded and monitored for training and security purposes. A hard copy of the Scheme Document will not be sent to you unless you so request it.*

*You may also request that all future documents, announcements and information sent to you in relation to the Combination be sent to you in hard copy form, again by writing to the address set out above or by calling the telephone number above.*

#### **Directors' responsibility statement**

*The directors of DS Smith (the "**Directors**") accept responsibility for the information contained in this email relating to DS Smith. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this email is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.*

#### **Disclosure requirements of the Takeover Code**

*Under Rule 8.3(a) of the Takeover Code, any person who is interested in 1% or more of any class of relevant securities of an offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror (being any offeror other than an offeror in respect of which it has been announced that its offer is, or is likely to be, solely in cash) must make an Opening Position Disclosure following the commencement of the offer period and, if later, following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. An Opening Position Disclosure must contain details of the person's interests and short positions in, and rights to subscribe for, any relevant securities of each of (i) the offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange offeror(s). An Opening Position Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(a) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the 10th business day following the commencement of the offer period and, if appropriate, by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the 10th business day following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. Relevant persons who deal in the relevant securities of the offeree company or of a securities exchange offeror prior to the deadline for making an Opening Position Disclosure must instead make a Dealing Disclosure.*

*Under Rule 8.3(b) of the Takeover Code, any person who is, or becomes, interested in 1% or more of any class of relevant securities of the offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror must make a Dealing Disclosure if the person deals in any relevant securities of the offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror. A Dealing Disclosure must contain details of the dealing concerned and of the person's interests and short positions in, and rights to subscribe for, any relevant securities of each of (i) the offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange offeror, save to the extent that these details have previously been disclosed under Rule 8. A Dealing Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(b) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the business day following the date of the relevant dealing.*

*If two or more persons act together pursuant to an agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal, to acquire or control an interest in relevant securities of an offeree company or a securities exchange offeror, they will be deemed to be a single person for the purpose of Rule 8.3.*

*Opening Position Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company and by any offeror and Dealing Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company, by any offeror and by any persons acting in concert with any of them (see Rules 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4).*

*Details of the offeree and offeror companies in respect of whose relevant securities Opening Position Disclosures and Dealing Disclosures must be made can be found in the Disclosure Table on the Takeover Panel's website at [www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk](http://www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk), including details of the number of relevant securities in issue, when the offer period commenced and when any offeror was first identified. You should contact the Panel's Market Surveillance Unit on +44 (0)20 7638 0129 if you are in any doubt as to whether you are required to make an Opening Position Disclosure or a Dealing Disclosure.*