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DS SMITH PLC

PUBLICATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY PROSPECTUS PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF SCA PACKAGING

DS Smith Plc ("**DS Smith**" or "**the Company**") has today published a prospectus (the "**Second Supplementary Prospectus**") which is supplementary to the prospectus published by the Company on 17 January 2012 (the "**Original Prospectus**") as supplemented on 26 January 2012 (the "**First Supplementary Prospectus**") in relation to the proposed Acquisition of the packaging division of Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget SCA (publ) ("**SCA**") excluding the kraftliner assets ("**SCA Packaging**").

The publication of the Second Supplementary Prospectus is a regulatory requirement under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 following the announcement today by SCA of its first quarter report for 2012 which includes financial information for the SCA discontinuing operations prepared in accordance with the SCA Group accounting policies and presentation (the "**SCA Announcement**"). The Second Supplementary Prospectus has been approved by the UK Listing Authority and should be read in conjunction with the Original Prospectus and the First Supplementary Prospectus.

Set out below is selected unaudited financial information for the first quarters ended 31 March 2012 and 31 March 2011 in relation to SCA Packaging prepared using the DS Smith accounting policies and presentation, together with a table showing the profit after tax for the financial period by quarter for the quarters ended 31 December 2010 through to the quarter ended 31 March 2012.

The key differences between the unaudited financial information in the SCA Announcement and in this announcement relate to adjustments to reflect the scope of the Acquisition, reclassifications within the balance sheet and cash flow statement and the translation of the results into euros and are summarised below:

- Emission rights are presented gross on the balance sheet of SCA, whereas for DS Smith these are presented net.
- Certain other income, expenses and cash flow items have been reclassified on the income statement and cash flow statement to reflect the presentation under the DS Smith accounting policies.
- The SCA Announcement is presented in Swedish Krona, whereas for DS Smith euros is the presentational currency for SCA Packaging. Income statement and cash flow line items have been translated at the average rate for the period and balance sheet items at the rate ruling at the balance sheet date, using the rates set out below.

SEK/EUR exchange rate as at 31 March 2012:	8.8376
SEK/EUR exchange rate as at 31 December 2011:	8.9383
SEK/EUR average exchange rate for the year ended 31 December 2011:	9.0241
SEK/EUR average exchange rate for the quarter ended 31 March 2012:	8.8466
SEK/EUR average exchange rate for the quarter ended 31 December 2011:	9.0833
SEK/EUR average exchange rate for the quarter ended 30 September 2011:	9.1462
SEK/EUR average exchange rate for the quarter ended 30 June 2011:	9.0081
SEK/EUR average exchange rate for the quarter ended 31 March 2011:	8.8628
SEK/EUR average exchange rate for the quarter ended 31 December 2010:	9.2097

	Quarter ended 31 March 2012 (unaudited)	Quarter ended 31 March 2011 (unaudited) (€ millions)	Year ended 31 December 2011 (unaudited)
Profit after tax for the financial period ⁽¹⁾	30.4	26.2	101.5

	31 March 2012 (unaudited)	31 December 2011 (unaudited)	Quarter ended		31 March 2011 (unaudited)	31 December 2010 (unaudited)
			30 September 2011 (unaudited)	30 June 2011 (unaudited)		
			(€ millions)			
Profit after tax for the financial period ⁽¹⁾	30.4	29.7	19.5	25.0	26.2	28.9

(1) Quarterly results have been translated at the average exchange rate for the quarter, annual results have been translated at the average exchange rate to the year.

	31 March 2012 (unaudited)	31 December 2011 (unaudited)
	(€ millions)	
Total assets	4,129.4	4,105.5
Total liabilities	3,343.5	3,332.1

	Quarter ended 31 March	
	2012 (unaudited)	2011 (unaudited)
	(€ millions)	
Cash flow from operating activities	26.7	9.8
Cash flow used in investing activities	(10.6)	(18.8)
Cash flows used in financing activities	(3.2)	28.0
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	12.9	(0.6)
Operating net cash flow⁽¹⁾	16.0	(28.1)

(1) This is a non-IFRS measure, disclosed by SCA and determined as cash flow from operating activities, investing activities and any dividends paid or received

The Second Supplementary Prospectus has been made available on DS Smith's website, www.dssmith.uk.com and has been submitted to the National Storage Mechanism, where it will be available for inspection at www.hemscott.com/nsm.do. Copies of the Second Supplementary Prospectus will also be available for inspection during normal business hours on any Business Day, free of charge, at the registered office of the Company at Beech House, Whitebrook Park, 68 Lower Cookham Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 8XY and at the offices of Allen & Overy LLP, One Bishops Square, London E1 6AD, from the date of the Second Supplementary Prospectus up to and including the date of Re-admission.

Unless otherwise defined in the Second Supplementary Prospectus, terms used in this announcement have the same meanings as those defined in the Original Prospectus.

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