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BOARD CHANGES

WH Smith PLC (“the Company”) today announces that Alan Stewart, Group Finance Director, has indicated his intention to leave the Company to pursue other business interests. He will be replaced by Robert Moorhead, (aged 43) who is currently Finance Director – Retail at the Company.

In order to facilitate a smooth transition Mr Stewart will resign from the Board and be replaced by Mr Moorhead with effect from 1st December 2008.

WH Smith’s Chairman, Robert Walker said: “On behalf of the Board I would like to thank Alan for the significant contribution he has made to WHSmith.

“I am delighted to welcome Robert Moorhead to the Board, who brings a wealth of experience both from within the Company and further afield.”

Alan Stewart commented: “My role at WHSmith has been fulfilling, but now is the time to look for challenges further afield. I am leaving the Company on a strong footing, and wish Kate and the team every success as they continue to deliver the strategy.”

Kate Swann, CEO of WHSmith added: “Although we are all sorry to see Alan go, I am pleased that we have a natural successor in place. Robert has strong retail experience and has worked closely with the Board for a number of years.”

Notes to Editors:

About Robert Moorhead:

Robert Moorhead qualified as a chartered accountant with Price Waterhouse in 1990. He spent five years at Kingfisher in a variety of finance roles before moving to B&Q in 1996 as Retail Finance Controller and latterly Director of Finance. He then became Finance and IT Director of World Duty Free (part of BAA) in 2001 before moving to Specsavers Optical Group as Group Finance Director in 2002. He Joined WHSmith in 2004 as Finance Director - Retail.

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