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BOARD CHANGES

WH Smith PLC today announces the retirement of John Barton as a Non-Executive Director and the appointment of Jeff Harris as a Non-Executive Director.

WH Smith announces that John Barton who has served as a Non-Executive Director for twelve years is retiring from the Board with effect from 10 June 2011. WH Smith also announces that Jeff Harris will join the Board as a Non-Executive Director with effect from 10 June 2011.

Jeff Harris has extensive retail and financial expertise. He is currently Chairman of both Cookson Group plc and Filtrona plc. Other than as set out in this announcement there are no further disclosures required in respect of Jeff Harris under paragraph 9.6.13 of the Listing Rules.

WH Smith's Chairman, Walker Boyd said:

"On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank John for his significant contribution to the Group over the last twelve years. He leaves with our thanks and good wishes for the future.

"We are delighted to welcome Jeff Harris on to the Board of WH Smith. With his retail and financial experience, Jeff will be a valuable member of the Board".

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Notes:

Jeff Harris was Chief Executive of Alliance Unichem plc from 1986 to 2003 and Chairman from 2003 to 2005. He has also previously been a non-executive director of Anzag AG from 1999 to 2007, Bunzl plc from 2000 to 2010 and Associated British Foods plc from 2004 to 2007.