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## **WH SMITH PLC**

### **Interim Management Statement**

WH Smith PLC is today publishing its Interim Management Statement as required by the UK Listing Authority's Disclosure and Transparency rules, relating to the period from 1 March 2008 to 31 May 2008.

#### **CURRENT TRADING**

Total Group sales in the first 13 weeks of the second half of the financial year were +6%, reflecting the impact of recent acquisitions.

The combined like for like sales for WH Smith High Street and WH Smith Travel for the period were -2% compared to the same period last year.

WH Smith High Street like for like sales were -3% and WH Smith Travel like for like sales were +1% in the period (excluding tobacco, like for like sales in WH Smith Travel were +3%).

The integration of our recent acquisitions is proceeding in line with plan and the financial position of the Group remains in accordance with our expectations.

#### **PROSPECTS**

The economic environment remains uncertain and, whilst we continue to be cautious about consumer spending, we are confident in the outcome for the full year.

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