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WH SMITH PLC
PRE CLOSE TRADING UPDATE

WH Smith PLC will announce preliminary results for the year ending 31 August 2014 on Thursday 16 October 2014. Prior to its close period, the Company today issues the following pre close update.

The Travel business continues its good performance and the new store opening programme remains on track both in the UK and internationally.

In the High Street business our focus on gross margin gains and tight cost control continues to deliver a good performance.

Both businesses remain highly cash generative.

Accordingly WH Smith PLC expects the outcome for the year to 31 August 2014 to be in line with market expectations.

2014 PRELIMINARY RESULTS

The WH Smith PLC preliminary results investor and analyst presentation for the year ending 31 August 2014 will be held at 9am on Thursday 16 October 2014 at JP Morgan, One John Carpenter Street, London, EC4Y 0JP

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