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**WH SMITH PLC
BOARD CHANGES**

Appointment of Stephen Clarke to WH Smith PLC Board

WH Smith PLC today announces that Stephen Clarke, currently Managing Director of WHSmith's High Street Division, will join the Board as an Executive Director from 1st June 2012.

Stephen joined WHSmith in August 2004 as Marketing Director for High Street Retail. In January 2006 he was appointed as Commercial and Marketing Director, before being promoted to his current role in December 2008.

Commenting on the appointment, Walker Boyd, Chairman of WHSmith, said:

"Stephen has done an excellent job in his seven years at WHSmith and has made a big contribution to the Group. He will be a valuable addition to the Board and we look forward to benefitting from his deep understanding of the business and in depth knowledge of the sector."

Other than as set out in this announcement there are no further disclosures required in respect of Stephen Clarke under paragraph 9.6.13 of the Listing Rules.

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About Stephen Clarke:

Stephen Clarke joined WHSmith in August 2004 as Marketing Director for High Street Retail. In January 2006 he was appointed Commercial and Marketing Director, and in December 2008 became Managing Director for High Street Retail.

Stephen joined WHSmith from Argos where he had been Head of Product Marketing since 2001. Stephen's career began at the Dixons Group where between 1989 and 1994 he carried out a number of store, product and marketing roles. Stephen then moved to Australia where he worked as Marketing Manager for Cable & Wireless Optus from 1995 to 1999 and as Marketing Director of Vox Retail Ltd and Buy.com until 2001, when he returned to the UK.

Between 2000 and 2002 he was a Non Executive Director of Force Technology, concurrent with his full time roles at Vox and Buy.com.