PUBLIC OPENING POSITION DISCLOSURE/DEALING DISCLOSURE BY

A PERSON WITH INTERESTS IN RELEVANT SECURITIES REPRESENTING 1% OR MORE

Rule 8.3 of the Takeover Code (the "Code")

1. KEY INFORMATION

(a) Full name of discloser:	NATIXIS
	SA
(b) Owner or controller of interests and short positions disclosed, if different from 1(a):	
The naming of nominee or vehicle companies is insufficient. For a trust, the trustee(s), settlor and beneficiaries must be named.	
(c) Name of offeror/offeree in relation to whose relevant securities this form relates:	DS Smith plc
Use a separate form for each offeror/offeree	
(d) If an exempt fund manager connected with an offeror/offeree, state this and specify identity of offeror/offeree:	
(e) Date position held/dealing undertaken:	24 July 2024
For an opening position disclosure, state the latest practicable date prior to the disclosure	
(f) In addition to the company in 1(c) above, is the discloser making disclosures in respect of any other party to the	NO
offer?	
If it is a cash offer or possible cash offer, state "N/A"	

2. POSITIONS OF THE PERSON MAKING THE DISCLOSURE

If there are positions or rights to subscribe to disclose in more than one class of relevant securities of the offeror or offeree named in 1(c), copy table 2(a) or (b) (as appropriate) for each additional class of relevant security.

(a) Interests and short positions in the relevant securities of the offeror or offeree to which the disclosure relates following the dealing (if any)

Class of relevant security:	1	l0p or	dinary		
	Interest	Interests Short positi		ositions	
	Number	%	Number	%	
(1) Relevant securities owned and/or controlled:	17 132 003	1,24	24 945	0,00	
(2) Cash-settled derivatives:	24 945	0,00	17 132 003	1,24	
(3) Stock-settled derivatives (including options) and agreements to purchase/sell:					
TOTAL:	17 156 948	1,24	17 156 948	1,24	

All interests and all short positions should be disclosed.

Details of any open stock-settled derivative positions (including traded options), or agreements to purchase or sell relevant securities, should be given on a Supplemental Form 8 (Open Positions).

(b) Rights to subscribe for new securities (including directors' and other employee options)

Class of relevant security in relation to which subscription right exists:	
Details, including nature of the rights concerned and relevant percentages:	

3. DEALINGS (IF ANY) BY THE PERSON MAKING THE DISCLOSURE

Where there have been dealings in more than one class of relevant securities of the offeror or offeree named in 1(c), copy table 3(a), (b), (c) or (d) (as appropriate) for each additional class of relevant security dealt in.

The currency of all prices and other monetary amounts should be stated.

(a) Purchases and sales

Class of relevant security	Purchase/sale	Number of securities	Price per unit
10p ordinary	Purchase	184 840	GBX 458.60
10p ordinary	Purchase	94 878	GBX 457.00

(b) Cash-settled derivative transactions

Class of relevant	Product	Nature of dealing	Number of reference	Price per
security	description	e,g, opening/closing a long/short position, increasing/reducing a	securities	unit
	e,g, CFD	long/short position		
10p ordinary	TRS	Increasing a short position		GBX
			184 840	458.60
10p ordinary	TRS	Increasing a short position		GBX
			94 878	457.00

(c) Stock-settled derivative transactions (including options)

(i) Writing, selling, purchasing or varying

Class of	Product	Writing, purchasing,	Number of securities to	Exercise	Туре	Expiry	Option money paid/
relevant	description e,g,	selling, varying etc,	which option relates	price per	e,g, American,	date	received per unit
security	call option			unit	European etc,		

(ii) Exercise

Class of relevant security	Product description e,g, call option	Exercising/ exercised against	Number of securities	Exercise price per unit

(d) Other dealings (including subscribing for new securities)

Class of relevant security	Nature of dealing e,g, subscription, conversion	Details	Price per unit (if applicable)

4, OTHER INFORMATION

(a) Indemnity and other dealing arrangements

Details of any indemnity or option arrangement, or any agreement or understanding, formal or informal, relating to relevant securities which may be an inducement to deal or refrain from dealing entered into by the person making the disclosure and any party to the offer or any person acting in concert with a party to the offer:

Irrevocable commitments and letters of intent should not be included, If there are no such agreements, arrangements or understandings, state "none"

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(b) Agreements, arrangements or understandings relating to options or derivatives

Details of any agreement, arrangement or understanding, formal or informal, between the person making the disclosure and any other person relating to:

- (i) the voting rights of any relevant securities under any option; or
- (ii) the voting rights or future acquisition or disposal of any relevant securities to which any derivative is referenced:

If there are no such agreements, arrangements or understandings, state "none"

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(c) Attachments

Is a Supplemental Form 8 (Op	en Positions) attached?
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Public disclosures under Rule 8 of the Code must be made to a Regulatory Information Service,

The Panel's Market Surveillance Unit is available for consultation in relation to the Code's disclosure requirements on +44 (0)20 7638 0129,

*If the discloser is a natural person, a telephone number does not need to be included, provided contact information has been provided to the Panel's Market Surveillance Unit,

The Code can be viewed on the Panel's website at <u>www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk</u>

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