## **FORM 8.3**

## 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:	Qube Research & Technologies
	Limited
(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:	20-08-2024
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	Yes - International Paper
party to the offer?	Company
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:			10p ordinary share			
	Interests	3	Short posit	ions		
	Number	%	Number	%		
(1) Relevant securities owned and/or controlled:	0	0.0	0	0.0		
(2) Cash-settled derivatives:	19,366,635	1.4	0	0.0		
(3) Stock-settled derivatives (including options) and agreements to purchase/sell:	0	0	0	0		
TOTAL:	19,366,635	1.4	0	0.0		

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 (GBp)
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## (b) Cash-settled derivative transactions

Class of relevant	Product	Nature of dealing	Number of	Exercise price per
security	-	e.g. opening/closing a long/short position, increasing/reducing	securities	unit (GBp)
10p ordinary share	e.g. call option		250	465.80
<u> </u>	Equity swap	increasing a long position		
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	269	466.60
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	357	466.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	515	467.40
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	698	466.80
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	754	466.20
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	818	465.60
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	951	468.20
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	1363	465.20
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	1600	467.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	2172	468.60
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	3111	469.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	3902	468.80
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	5560	468.40
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	21585	470.20
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	198	465.80
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	221	466.80
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	285	468.40
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	300	467.10
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	355	468.90
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	500	468.80
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	539	467.30
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	561	466.60
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	685	467.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	979	469.30
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	1065	467.40
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	1351	468.20
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	1568	469.70
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	1800	466.20
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	3244	470.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	4813	466.40
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	9925	469.80
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	9991	469.40
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	10233	469.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	12051	469.20
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	13847	469.60
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	23099	466.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	231402	470.20

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

# (i) Writing, selling, purchasing or varying

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

#### (ii) Exercise

Class of relevant security	Product description e.g. call option	Exercising/ exercised against	Number of securities	Exercise price per unit
0	0	0	0	0

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

Class of relevant security	Nature of dealing	Details	Price per unit (if applicable)
	e.g. subscription, conversion		
0	0	0	0

#### 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"

N	one

## (c) Attachments

Is a Supplemental Form 8 (Open Positions) attached?		
Date of disclosure:	21-08-2024	
Contact name:	Stuart Brown	
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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. The Code can be viewed on the Panel's website at <a href="https://www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk">www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk</a>.

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