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 "Codeâ€)

1. KEY INFORMATION

| (a) Full name of discloser: | Qube Research & Technologies |
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| | Limited |
| (b) Owner or controller of interests and short positions disclosed, if different from 1(a): | Â |
| 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 | Â |
| offeror/offeree: | |
| (e) Date position held/dealing undertaken: | 28-08-2024 |
| 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/Aâ€ | Â |

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: Â | 10 _f | ordir | nary share | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------|-------------|------|
| Â | Interest | S | Short posit | ions |
| Â | Number | % | Number | % |
| (1) Relevant securities owned and/or controlled: | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| (2) Cash-settled derivatives: Â | 18,492,344 | 1.34 | 0 | 0.0 |
| (3) Stock-settled derivatives (including options) and agreements to purchase/sell: | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Â TOTAL: | 18,492,344 | 1.34 | 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: | 0 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| Details, including nature of the rights concerned and relevant percentages: | 0 |

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) |
| | e.g. call option | | 120 | 47.4.60 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | increasing a long position | 139 | 474.60 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | increasing a long position | 209 | 476.80 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | increasing a long position | 249 | 477.20 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | increasing a long position | 460 | 478.60 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | increasing a long position | 521 | 474.00 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | increasing a long position | 567 | 472.00 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | increasing a long position | 635 | 475.80 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | increasing a long position | 668 | 477.40 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | increasing a long position | 738 | 475.40 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | increasing a long position | 884 | 475.60 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | increasing a long position | 1034 | 474.80 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | increasing a long position | 1657 | 476.20 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | increasing a long position | 1879 | 477.00 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | increasing a long position | 2117 | 476.40 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | increasing a long position | 2780 | 475.20 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | increasing a long position | 4894 | 475.00 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | increasing a long position | 6709 | 476.60 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | increasing a long position | 6713 | 476.00 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | increasing a long position | 17369 | 478.00 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | increasing a long position | 17928 | 478.80 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | decreasing a long position | 74 | 479.40 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | decreasing a long position | 285 | 479.10 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | decreasing a long position | 341 | 478.60 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | decreasing a long position | 362 | 475.20 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | decreasing a long position | 439 | 478.10 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | decreasing a long position | 456 | 475.60 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | decreasing a long position | 619 | 475.00 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | decreasing a long position | 900 | 479.00 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | decreasing a long position | 1935 | 476.80 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | decreasing a long position | 2536 | 477.90 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | decreasing a long position | 2545 | 475.80 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | decreasing a long position | 2998 | 476.00 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | decreasing a long position | 3087 | 476.40 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | decreasing a long position | 3174 | 475.40 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | decreasing a long position | 3473 | 474.80 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | decreasing a long position | 4185 | 478.20 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | decreasing a long position | 4298 | 476.60 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | decreasing a long position | 4316 | 477.20 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | decreasing a long position | 4413 | 477.00 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | decreasing a long position | 8376 | 477.60 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | decreasing a long position | 11239 | 477.40 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | decreasing a long position | 13451 | 478.00 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | decreasing a long position | 18768 | 477.80 |
| 10p ordinary share | Equity swap | decreasing a long position | 51699 | 478.80 |

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

(i) Writing, selling, purchasing or varying

| Class of | Product | Writing, purchasing, | Number of securities | Exercise price | Туре | 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 | Â 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 | $egin{array}{c} \hat{\mathbf{A}} & & \\ 0 & & \end{array}$ | 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 | |
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| securities which may be an inducement to deal or refrain from dealing entered into by the person making the disclosure and an | y |
| 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 $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{R}$ are included. If there are no such agreements, arrangements or understandings,

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None

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

| Details of any agreement, | arrangement or understanding, | formal or informal, | between the p | erson making the | disclosure and a | ny |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|----|
| 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 â€lphanoneâ€

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(c) Attachments

| Is a Supplemental Form 8 (Open Positions) |) attached? | NO |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------|----|
| Date of disclosure: | 29-08-2024 | |
| Contact name: | Stuart Brown | |
| Telephone number: | 00442070722969 | |

Public disclosures under Rule 8 of the Code must be made to a Regulatory Information Service.

The Panelâ \in TMs Market Surveillance Unit is available for consultation in relation to the Codeâ \in TMs disclosure requirements on +44 (0)20 7638 0129. The Code can be viewed on the Panelâ \in TMs website at <u>www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk</u>.

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