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|  | TR-1: Star   | ndard form for n   | otification of                 | f major hold  | ings                   |
|--|--|--|--------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| 1. Issuer Details  |  |  |                                |   |                        |
| ISIN   |  |  |                                |   |                        |
| GB00B2PDGW16   |  |  |                                |   |                        |
| Issuer Name  |  |  |                                |   |                        |
| WH SMITH PLC   |  |  |                                |   |                        |
| UK or Non-UK Iss   | suer   |  |                                |   |                        |
| UK   |  |  |                                |   |                        |
| 2. Reason for Noti   | fication   |  |                                |   |                        |
| An acquisition or d  | isposal of vo  | ting rights  |                                |   |                        |
| 3. Details of perso  | n subject to   | the notificatio  | n obligation                   | 1   |                        |
| Name   |  |  |                                |   |                        |
| Boston Partners FI   | KA Robeco Ir   | vestment Mana  | gement, Inc                    |   |                        |
| City of registered   | office (if ap  | pplicable)   |                                |   |                        |
| New York   |  |  |                                |   |                        |
| Country of registe   | ered office (  | if applicable)   |                                |   |                        |
| United States  |  |  |                                |   |                        |
| 4. Details of the sh<br>Full name of shar<br>obligation, above | eholder(s)   | if different fror  | n the perso                    | on(s) subje   | ct to the notification |
| City of registered   | l office (if ap                                      | pplicable)   |                                |   |                        |
| Country of regist  |  |  |                                |   |                        |
| 5. Date on which the   | he threshold   | d was crossed (  | or reached                     |   |                        |
| 25-Oct-2024  |  |  |                                |   |                        |
| 6. Date on which Is  | ssuer notifie  | ed   |                                |   |                        |
| 25-Oct-2024  |  |  |                                |   |                        |
| 7. Total positions o   | person(s)  | subject to the   | notification                   | n obligation  | 1                      |
|  | % of voting rights attached to shares (total of 8.A) | % of voting rights<br>through financial<br>instruments (total<br>of 8.B 1 + 8.B 2) | Total of both in % (8.A + 8.B) | Total number<br>of voting<br>rights held in<br>issuer |                        |
| Resulting situation on the date on                             |  | 0.00000  |                                | 6511904   |                        |

4.984110 6511894

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which threshold was crossed or

reached

Position of

| I  | previous<br>notification (if<br>applicable) |                             | 5                                     | 5.938448 0.00      |               | 00000                           |                              | 5.9384   | 48           |   |                |             |          |        |       |               |
|--|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--------------|---|----------------|-------------|----------|--------|-------|---------------|
| 8. Notified  |   |                             |                                       | the re             | sultin        | g si                            | tuatio                       | n on   | the dat      | te on   | w              | hich th     | e thres  | shold  | was   |               |
| crossed o  |   |                             |                                       | اه م داد           | to ob         |                                 |                              |  |              |   |                |             |          |        |       |               |
| 8A. Voting   |   |                             |                                       |                    | Number        |                                 |                              | % of   | direct       | % of i  | ndir           | ect         |          |        |       |               |
| Class/Type of shares ISIN voting rights (DTR5.1)   |   | voting rights<br>(DTR5.2.1) |                                       | voting rights      |               | voting rights<br>(DTR5.2.1)     |                              |  |              |   |                |             |          |        |       |               |
| GB00B2PDGW16 651   |   | 118                         | 94                                    | 4 0                |               |                                 | 4.9                          | 984110   | 0.0          | 0.000000  |                |             |          |        |       |               |
| Sub Total 8.A  | tal 8.A 6511894                             |                             |                                       |                    |               |                                 | 4.984110%                    |  |              |   |                |             |          |        |       |               |
| 8B1. Fina  | ncia  | l Ins                       | trui                                  | ments              | ассо          | rdin                            | g to (                       | DTR  | 5.3.1R.      | (1)(  | (a)            | )           |          |        |       |               |
| Type of financi  | ial   | Expira<br>date              |                                       | Exercise<br>period | /conve        | rsion                           | be acqui                     | ired if  | ing rights t |   |                | % of voting |          |        |       |               |
|  |   |                             | .e periou                             |                    |               | exercised/co                    |                              | nverted  |              | rights  |                |             |          |        |       |               |
| Sub Total 8.B  | 1   |                             |                                       |                    |               |                                 |                              |  |              |   |                |             |          |        |       |               |
| 0.D.2 . Ei   |   | 1.7                         |                                       |                    |               |                                 | .:                           |  |              |   |                |             | - /DTF   |        | D (4) | (I- \ \ \     |
| 8B2. Fina  | ncıa  | I Ins                       | trui                                  | ments              | with          | SIM                             | illar ed                     | cono   | mic ette     | ect a   | cco            | raing       | to (DIF  | (5.3.1 | K.(1) | ( <b>D</b> )) |
| financial<br>instrument  | Expi<br>date                                |                             | n Exercise/conversion Physica settlem |                    |               |                                 | ash                          | Number of<br>voting righ                       |              | % of<br>right   | f voting<br>ts |             |          |        |       |               |
|  |   |                             |                                       |                    |               |                                 |                              |  |              |   |                |             |          |        |       |               |
| Sub Total<br>8.B2  |   |                             |                                       |                    |               |                                 |                              |  |              |   |                |             |          |        |       |               |
| 9. Inform  | atio  | n in                        | rela                                  | tion t             | o the         | per                             | son sı                       | ubje   | ct to the    | e not   | ific           | ation       | obligati | on     |       |               |
| 2. Full chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held starting with the ultimate controlling natural person or legal entities (please add additional rows as necessary) |   |                             |                                       |                    |               |                                 |                              |  |              | itities   |                |             |          |        |       |               |
| Ultimate controlling person undert   |   | lled                        | righ<br>or is<br>g the                |                    | quals<br>than | through<br>instrum<br>or is hig | n finan<br>ents i<br>jher th | financial<br>ents if it equals<br>her than the |              | Total of both if it<br>equals or is higher<br>than the<br>notifiable<br>threshold |                |             |          |        |       |               |
| ORIX<br>Corporat   | ORIX Glo                                    |                             | ston<br>tner<br>bal<br>esto           | rs 4               | .9841         | 10                              |                              | 0000   |              | 4.984   |                | 110%        |          |        |       |               |
| 10. In cas   | se o  | f pro                       | ху                                    | voting             | J             |                                 |                              |  |              |   |                |             |          |        |       |               |
| Name of  | the   | pro                         | xy l                                  | nolder             |               |                                 |                              |  |              |   |                |             |          |        |       |               |
|  |   |                             |                                       |                    |               |                                 |                              |  |              |   |                |             |          |        |       |               |
| The num  | ber   | and                         | %                                     | of vot             | ing ri        | ghts                            | s held                       |  |              |   |                |             |          |        |       |               |
|  |   |                             |                                       |                    |               |                                 |                              |  |              |   |                |             |          |        |       |               |
| The date until which the voting rights will be held  |   |                             |                                       |                    |               |                                 |                              |  |              |   |                |             |          |        |       |               |
|  |   |                             |                                       |                    |               |                                 |                              |  |              |   |                |             |          |        |       |               |
| 11. Additi   | ona   | I Inf                       | orm                                   | ation              |               |                                 |                              |  |              |   |                |             |          |        |       |               |
|  |   |                             |                                       |                    |               |                                 |                              |  |              |   |                |             |          |        |       |               |
| <b>12.</b> Date (  | of C  | omp                         | letio                                 | on                 |               |                                 |                              |  |              |   |                |             |          |        |       |               |
| 25-Oct-2   | 2024  | 4                           |                                       |                    |               |                                 |                              |  |              |   |                |             |          |        |       |               |

13. Place Of Completion

Boston, MA, USA

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