### 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
	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:	06-01-2025
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 $\hat{a} \in \alpha N / A \hat{a} \in$	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	10p	10p ordinary share				
Â	Interests	Interests		Short positions		
Â	Number	%	Number	%		
(1) Relevant securities owned and/or controlled:	0	0.0	0	0.0		
(2) Cash-settled derivatives: Â	26,294,380	1.9	0	0.0		
(3) Stock-settled derivatives (including options) and agreements to purchase/sell:	0	0	0	0		
Â TOTAL:	26,294,380	1.9	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 directorsâ€<sup>™</sup> 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.

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			
10p ordinary share		increasing a long position	15	538.00
10p ordinary share			29	539.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	639	538.50
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	688	543.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	734	540.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	890	545.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	1230	542.50
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	1297	542.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	1351	540.50
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	1756	541.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	5024	541.50
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	13297	544.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	29139	543.50
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	418	545.50
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	657	542.25
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	659	545.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	1869	538.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	2709	540.75
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	2914	543.25
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	3273	543.75
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	3702	539.50
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	3803	540.50
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	3986	543.50
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	4111	541.75
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	4768	540.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	5455	542.50
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	6730	541.25
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	8012	538.50
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	8982	539.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	9845	543.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	16831	542.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	33731	541.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	50626	541.50
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	316015	544.00

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

## (i) Writing, selling, purchasing or varying

Class o	Product	Writing, purchasing,	Number of securities	Exercise price	Туре	Expiry	Option money
relevan	description <i>e.g.</i>	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	<b>Product description</b> <i>e.g. call option</i>	Exercising/ exercised against	Number of securities	Exercise price per unit
	e.g. can option			

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0	0	0	0	0

### (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)
0	Â 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  $\hat{a} \in \alpha$ enone $\hat{a} \in$ 

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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 â ${
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#### None Â

### (c) Attachments

Is a Supplemental Form 8 (Open Positions) attached?		NO
Date of disclosure:	07-01-2025	
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Public disclosures under Rule 8 of the Code must be made to a Regulatory Information Service.

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

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