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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")
. KEY INFORMATION

1.	KEY INFORMATION			
(a)	Full name of discloser:	Barclays PLC.		
(b)	Owner or controller of interest and short positions disclosed, if different from 1(a):			
(c)	Name of offeror/offeree in relation to whose relevant securities this form relates:	DS SMITH PLC		
(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:	03 Feb 2025		
(f)	In addition to the company in 1(c) above, is the discloser making disclosures in respect of any other party to the offer?	YES: INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY		

2. POSITIONS OF THE PERSON MAKING THE DISCLOSURE

(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			
	•	Interests		Short Positions	
		Number	(%)	Number	(%)
(1)	Relevant securities owned				
	and/or controlled:	15,064,378	1.09%	156,594	0.01%
(2)	Cash-settled derivatives:				
	and/or controlled:	13,215,500	0.95%	106,691,093	7.70%
(3)	Stock-settled derivatives (including options)				
	and agreements to purchase/sell:	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	TOTAL:	28,279,878	2.04%	106,847,687	7.71%

(b) Rights to subscribe for new securities (including directors and other executive 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 EXEMPT PRINCIPAL TRADER

(a) Purchases and sales

Class of relevant security	Purchase/sale	Number of securities	Price per unit

(b) Cash-settled derivative transactions

	Class of relevant security	Product description	Nature of dealing	Number of reference securities	Price per unit
	10p ordinary	SWAP	Decreasing Short	48,000	5.7751 USD
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10p ordinary	SWAP	Increasing Short	61,443	5.8063
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10p ordinary	SWAP	Increasing Short	150,000	5.8255
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10p ordinary	SWAP	Increasing Short	8,182,060	5.8262
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10p ordinary	SWAP	Increasing Short	4,171,835	5.8404
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10p ordinary	SWAP	Increasing Short	253,405	5.8429
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10p ordinary	SWAP	Increasing Short	215,000	5.8480
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Stock-settled derivative transactions (including options) (c)

(i) Writing, selling, purchasing or varying

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

(ii) Exercising

Class of relevant security	Product description	Exercising/ exercised against	Number of securities	Exercise price per unit

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

Class of relevant security	Nature of Dealings	Details	Price per unit (if applicable)

4. OTHER INFORMATION

Indemnity and other dealings arrangements (a)

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 exempt principal trader making the disclosure and any party to the offer or any person acting in concert with a party to the offer:

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

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 of future acquisition or disposal of any relevant securities to which

any derivative is referenced:

NONE

Attachments (c)

Is a Supplemental Form 8 (Open Positions) attached?	NO
Date of disclosure:	04 Feb 2025
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