

Mondi plc

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19 April 2024

Mondi plc**Statement regarding intention not to make an offer for DS Smith Plc**

Mondi plc ("Mondi") notes the terms of the recommended all-share combination of International Paper Company with DS Smith Plc ("DS Smith") announced on 16 April 2024.

Following a period of due diligence, and after carefully considering the value the combination with DS Smith would deliver to Mondi's shareholders, the Mondi Board has decided that the transaction would not be in the best interests of its shareholders. Accordingly, Mondi does not intend to make an offer for DS Smith.

Mondi's Board remains confident that its compelling portfolio of sustainable packaging and paper products, scale and cost advantaged quality asset base, along with its pipeline of organic investments, ensure it is well positioned to deliver long-term structural growth in the markets in which it operates, delivering strong cash generation, attractive returns and sustainable value accretive growth for shareholders.

Takeover Code

This is a statement to which Rule 2.8 of the Takeover Code applies.

Under Note 2 on Rule 2.8 of the Takeover Code, Mondi reserves the right to set the restrictions in Rule 2.8 of the Takeover Code aside in the following circumstances:

- a. in the event the offer by International Paper Company is withdrawn or lapses, with the agreement of the Board of DS Smith;
- b. if a third party announces a firm intention to make an offer for DS Smith;
- c. if DS Smith announces a Rule 9 waiver (see Note 1 of the Notes on Dispensations from Rule 9 of the Takeover Code) or a reverse takeover (as defined in the Takeover Code); or
- d. if there has been a material change of circumstances (as determined by the Takeover Panel).

The person responsible for making this announcement on behalf of Mondi is Jenny Hampshire, Company Secretary.

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