

WH SMITH PLC

PRE CLOSE TRADING UPDATE

WH Smith PLC will announce preliminary results for the year ending 31 August 2007 on Thursday 11 October 2007. Prior to its close period, the Company today issues the following pre close trading update.

In the High Street Retail business our focus on gross margin gains and tight cost control continues to deliver a solid performance. The Travel Retail business continues its strong performance and is making good progress.

Accordingly WH Smith PLC expects the outcome for the year to 31 August 2007 to be towards the top of market expectations.

The WH Smith PLC preliminary results investor and analyst presentation for the year ending 31 August 2007 will be held at 9.00 am on Thursday 11 October 2007 at Merrill Lynch Financial Centre, 2 King Edward Street, London EC1A 1HQ.

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