

SMITHS CITY GROUP LIMITED

APPOINTMENT OF NEW DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of Smiths City Group Limited (SCY) is pleased to announce that Ms Sarah Ottrey and Mr. Gary Rohloff have been appointed as independent non-executive directors of the company.

Sarah has a strong background in marketing, predominantly in the fast moving consumer goods industry both in New Zealand and Asia/Europe for the multinational marketing organisations Unilever and Heineken/Asia Pacific Breweries. Previously Sarah has been the Head of Marketing for DB Breweries and Board Member of the Public Trust.

She is currently a director of NZX listed, EBOS Group Ltd and NZX Unlisted Blue Sky Meats Ltd and is Deputy Chair of Wellesley College in Wellington.

Gary Rohloff is currently Chief Executive Office of Number 1 Shoes Limited. He is an experienced retailer having been CEO of Warehouse Stationery Ltd and EziBuy Ltd. Gary has also had experience in the finance sector having set up the Risk Advisory Unit for Westpac Investment Bank and been Group Treasurer at Mercury Energy and a treasurer at TransPower.

In welcoming the new directors to the board, Craig Boyce, Chairman said “Smiths City is very pleased to be able to appoint two directors who bring strong operational skills to the board. The marketing skills which Sarah Ottrey has developed will be invaluable in providing marketing and branding perspectives for the Smiths City operations. Gary Rohloff has an enviable background in retail and finance and we expect that he will be able to make a strong contribution to the success of the company.

The board is looking forward to working with the new directors and to receiving their contribution to the management and governance of the Smiths City”.

At the same time as announcing the appointment of two new directors the board also confirms the resignation of Sue Sheldon. Mr. Boyce said “Ms Sheldon has been a director of Smiths City for over 5 years. She has brought a mixture of attributes in governance and commerce to the company. She has made an invaluable contribution to the company during difficult economic conditions. Her participation on board matters will be missed. Smiths City wishes Sue all the best for the future”.

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