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To: The holders of ordinary shares in Smiths Group plc

12 October 2012

Smiths Group plc
Annual General Meeting ('AGM') and Annual Report 2012

This year's AGM will be held at 2.30pm on 20 November 2012 at the same venue as last year, The Thomas Lord Suite, Lord's Cricket Ground, Grace Gate, St John's Wood Road, London NW8 8QN. The Notice of AGM and the Annual Report 2011 are published on our website and may be accessed by visiting www.smiths.com/ar12. Both documents can be downloaded in an Acrobat pdf file format from the site or viewed online as html files. A copy of the Notice of AGM is enclosed.

A personalised Proxy card is enclosed for your use. When you have had the opportunity to consider the Notice of AGM and the Annual Report 2012, the Company would encourage you to appoint a proxy and vote (or withhold your vote) on the resolutions that will be put to the AGM. All resolutions will be decided by a poll at the AGM, which means that the all the proxy votes cast for or against a resolution by shareholders will count in determining the outcome of that resolution. You can appoint a proxy and vote your shares by completing the enclosed proxy card and returning it in the reply-paid envelope. Alternatively, you can appoint a proxy and vote your shares electronically by visiting www.sharevote.co.uk and using the Voting I.D., Task I.D. and Shareholder reference number shown on the enclosed proxy card. If you have already registered with our registrar's website www.shareview.co.uk, you can cast your proxy votes by logging into your portfolio, entering your portfolio identification particulars and then clicking on the link to vote under your Smiths Group holding details. The on-screen instructions give details of how to complete the appointment process. Proxy votes must be received (i.e. either a paper proxy card must be delivered to our registrar or an electronic proxy vote submitted and accepted through sharevote.co.uk) at least 48 hours before the time of the AGM in order to be counted. If you appoint a proxy and do not indicate your voting instruction, your proxy will be entitled to vote or refrain from voting your shares as he/she sees fit at the AGM. Voting your shares in either format does not preclude you from attending the AGM and voting in person, if you so choose.

A shareholder Admission card is attached to the proxy card. If you are able to come to the AGM, it will facilitate the checking-in process at the AGM if you bring your Admission card with you to the AGM. A map and the address of the venue of the AGM are on the reverse of the Admission card and are also available on our website.

If you need a printed copy of the Annual Report 2012, please contact the Company Secretary, by email (secretary@smiths.com) or by writing to 'The Secretary, Smiths Group plc, 2nd Floor, Cardinal Place, 80 Victoria Street, London SW1E 5JL'.

If you will need printed copies of future company documents, please write to the Company's registrar, Equiniti Limited, Aspect House, Spencer Road, Lancing, West Sussex BN99 6DA, quoting reference number 0282.

If you have recently sold or transferred all your shares in Smiths Group plc, please pass this document to the purchaser or transferee or to the agent through whom the sale or transfer was effected for transmission to the purchaser or transferee.

Sarah Cameron
Secretary
Smiths Group plc

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To: Information Rights Holders

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Annual General Meeting (AGM) – 20 November 2012

We have received notification from a nominee shareholder that, as an underlying investor in Smiths Group plc, you have asserted your rights under the Companies Act 2006 ("information rights") to receive copies of documents made available to the Company's registered shareholders. Accordingly, please find enclosed a Notice of AGM and the Company's Annual Report 2012. The AGM will be held at 2.30pm on 20 November 2012 at The Thomas Lord Suite, Lord's Cricket Ground, Grace Gate, St John's Wood Road, London NW8 8QN.

This letter is not a summary of the Notice of AGM or the Annual Report 2012 or of any proposals to be put to the AGM and should not be regarded as a substitute for reading the Notice of AGM and the Annual Report 2012. You are reminded that information rights holders are not entitled to attend, speak or vote at general meetings of the Company. If you wish to attend and/or vote at the AGM or have any other queries, you should contact your nominee shareholder to make appropriate arrangements.

Sarah Cameron

Secretary

Smiths Group plc

Notes

Neither Smiths Group plc nor its Registrar, Equiniti Limited, can accept any instructions or change details directly from an information rights holder. Your main contact in terms of your investment remains the registered shareholder, custodian or broker who administers your investment. Any changes or queries relating to your personal details or investment or communication preference must be directed to your existing contact. Neither Smiths Group plc nor Equiniti Limited can guarantee dealing with matters that are directed to them in error. The only exception to this is where Smiths Group plc, in exercising one of its powers under the Companies Act 2006, writes to you directly for a response.

Postal addresses held on the Company's record of information rights holders maintained by Equiniti Limited are not available for public inspection.