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## **SMITHS CITY BUILDS BOARD STRENGTH WITH APPOINTMENT OF NEW DIRECTOR**

National retailer Smiths City Group today announced the appointment of Tony Allison as a director to its board.

As Chief Executive of retail franchise chain Night 'n Day Foodstores Limited, Tony has led the company's strategy, development and implementation plans both for the group and individual operating areas. This has helped the company to gain recognition for its growth through inclusion in the Deloitte Fast 50 index.

On the Smiths City board, Allison will be a director and a representative of UIL Limited (formerly Utilico Investments Limited), a significant shareholder in the group.

"As well as running the successful Night 'n Day Foodstores, Tony serves on a number of other boards. His retail experience, and as a chartered accountant with a corporate governance background, will be a welcome addition to our board," Smiths City chairman Craig Boyce said.

"Smiths City has been looking to expand its board for some time and with Tony we will now have five very experienced directors working with a refreshed management team."

"Smiths City is on a path to renewal and a larger geographic footprint following a number of significant operating and management changes during the past year. The board of directors will continue to drive further transformation for the group."

Allison lives in Dunedin and is a member of the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants and a Chartered Member of the Institute of Directors. He holds directorships with Dunedin International Airport, City Forests, the Otago Southland Employers Association, Forbury Park Trotting Club and AA Cleaners (Otago) Limited.

His career includes board and senior management roles with Calder Stewart Industries, London law firm Olswang and Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu.

Smiths City Group announced its annual result for the 12 months to 30 April 2016 on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

The Smiths City Group Board and senior management team now includes:

Craig Boyce, Chairman

John Dobson, Independent Director

Gary Rohloff, Independent Director

Sheena Henderson, Independent Non-Executive Director

Tony Allison, Director

Roy Campbell, Chief Executive Officer

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About Smiths City Group: Smiths City, founded in Christchurch in 1918, has a proud tradition as a retailer and is one of New Zealand's largest retail chains. The company floated on the stock exchange in 1972, is now NZX-listed and has 17 stores in the South Island and 10 in the North Island trading under the Smiths City name. It recently bought the Auckland-based Furniture City business.

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