

Financial calendar

2008	
Preliminary announcement of results for 2007/08	24 September
Ordinary shares final dividend ex-dividend date	22 October
Ordinary shares final dividend record date	24 October
Annual General Meeting	18 November
Ordinary shares final dividend payment date	21 November
2009	
2008/09 interim results announced	25 March (provisional)
Ordinary shares interim dividend ex-dividend date	1 April (provisional)
Ordinary shares interim dividend record date	3 April (provisional)
Ordinary shares interim dividend payment date	24 April (provisional)
Smiths Group financial year end	31 July
Preliminary announcement of results for 2008/09	30 September (provisional)
Ordinary shares final dividend ex-dividend date	21 October (provisional)
Ordinary shares final dividend record date	23 October (provisional)
Annual General Meeting	17 November (provisional)
Ordinary shares final dividend payment date	20 November (provisional)

The market value of an ordinary share of the Company on 31 March 1982 for the purposes of capital gains tax was 136.875p (taking into account the sub-division of 50p shares into 25p shares on 14 January 1985 and the subdivision and consolidation of 25p shares into 37.5p shares on 18 June 2007).

The 2008 Annual General Meeting will be held at The Thomas Lord Suite, Lord's Cricket Ground, Grace Gate, St John's Wood Road, London NW8 8QN on Tuesday 18 November 2008 at 2.30pm.

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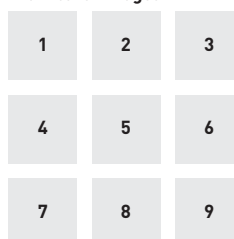
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- 1 Flex-Tek: Tutco heating elements
- 2 Smiths Medical: Epidural needles being manufactured in Keene, New Hampshire, USA
- 3 John Crane: Dry gas seal
- 4 Smiths Medical: Assembling an ambulatory pump system in St Paul, Minnesota, USA
- 5 Smiths Detection: Cargo scanning image
- 6 Smiths Interconnect: Assembling microwave electronics in TECOM Industries, Thousand Oakes, California, USA
- 7 Smiths Medical: CADD®-Solis ambulatory pump units
- 8 Smiths Detection: Positioning an X-ray source at Wiesbaden, Germany
- 9 Smiths Interconnect: Ground data terminals