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Inter-Varsity Press UK to Cease Operating From Nottingham

Inter-Varsity Press UK has announced its distribution facility and offices in Nottingham will cease operations in January 2016.

IVP UK came under the management of SPCK in early October 2015 in order to leverage SPCK's financial strength, state-of-the-art technology and best-of-breed infrastructure to ensure the survival of the IVP UK publishing imprint with its highly respected conservative evangelical publishing ethos.

Sam Richardson, CEO of SPCK, said, "Moving IVP into London maximises the efficiencies to be generated from combining the organisations, and thereby ensures the best possible platform for the continued success of the IVP and SPCK imprints, which will of course remain distinct. We have received increased sales and positive feedback from customers since we moved SPCK's distribution to MacMillan Distribution Limited, and we expect similar results from moving IVP's distribution to MacMillan."

The consultation process with IVP staff is ongoing. IVP staff have been invited to apply for a number of London- or home-based roles in the combined organisation. Sam Richardson said, "Those IVP staff members who do not find roles in the combined organisation will receive enhanced redundancy packages above and beyond what is statutorily required; we will do our utmost to ensure those staff are compensated for their many years of hard work and they find a good place to continue their careers."

"Small-scale distribution operations are, unfortunately, not sustainable in today's publishing market and IVP is no exception," said David Vardy, former Chair of IVP UK. "The Trustees of IVP UK were aware that this closure was, although deeply regrettable, inevitable before the organisation joined SPCK. The IVP UK staff have given years of dedicated service to this organisation, and it grieves me the operation can no longer sustain them. Although their work here must come to an end, they will always be a valued part of the IVP UK family."

Steve Apted, Interim General Manager of IVP UK, who will remain in place to oversee the transition, said, "It will be business as usual for the trade in the run up to Christmas. Despatch operations from the Nottingham warehouse will cease on the 23rd December and we plan to be fully operational out of the MacMillan site in Swansea during the first few days of January 2016. We are working closely with all of our contract and wholesale distribution partners to ensure a seamless transfer. We are in consultation with each of them on their preferred distribution option following the closure of the Nottingham site. We will issue further information on any ordering or distribution changes within the next few weeks once these discussions have concluded. All IVP product returns will be honoured into 2016."

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