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10 February 2026

The Manager  
Company Announcements Office  
ASX Limited  
Level 27  
39 Martin Place  
Sydney NSW 2000

By electronic lodgement

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Notice of initial substantial holder – Smartgroup Corporation Ltd (SIQ)**

We attach a notice of initial substantial holder in Smartgroup Corporation Ltd. This notice is given by Challenger Limited and each of its associated entities named in Annexure 2 to this notice.

Due to an administrative oversight, we acknowledge that this notice should have been lodged within 2 business days of becoming aware of the information (i.e. by 9 February 2026).

Please contact us if you require any further information.

Yours faithfully



**Linda Matthews**  
Company Secretary

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Challenger Life Company Limited ABN 44 072 486 938 AFSL 234670 | Challenger Investment Partners Limited ABN 29 092 382 842 AFSL 234 678  
Challenger Retirement and Investment Services Limited ABN 80 115 534 453 AFSL295642 RSE Licence No. L0001304  
Challenger Mortgage Management Pty Ltd ABN 72 087 271 109 | Challenger Securitisation Management Pty Ltd ABN 56 100 346 898 AFSL 244593  
Challenger Investment Solutions Management Pty Ltd ABN 63 130 035 353 AFSL 487354

**Form 603**Corporations Act 2001  
Section 671B**Notice of initial substantial holder**

To CompanyName/Scheme

**Smartgroup Corporation Ltd**

ACN/ARSN

**126 266 831****1. Details of substantial holder (1)**  
Name**Challenger Limited (and its entities listed in Annexure 2)**

ACN/ARSN (if applicable)

**106 842 371 (Challenger Limited)**

The holder became a substantial holder on

**05/02/2026****2. Details of voting power**

The total number of votes attached to all the voting shares in the company or voting interests in the scheme that the substantial holder or an associate (2) had a relevant interest (3) in on the date the substantial holder became a substantial holder are as follows:

Class of securities (4)	Number of securities	Person's votes (5)	Voting power (6)
<b>Ordinary Fully Paid</b>	<b>Same as persons votes</b>	<b>6,813,419</b>	<b>5.02%</b>

**3. Details of relevant interests**

The nature of the relevant interest the substantial holder or an associate had in the following voting securities on the date the substantial holder became a substantial holder are as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Nature of relevant interest (7)	Class and number of securities
<b>Challenger Limited (and its entities listed in Annexure 2)</b>	<b>Ordinary Fully Paid securities purchased and sold on market by Challenger Limited (and its entities listed in Annexure 2) and obtains a relevant interest by virtue of section 608(3) of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).</b>	<b>Ordinary Fully Paid 6,813,419</b>

**4. Details of present registered holders**

The persons registered as holders of the securities referred to in paragraph 3 above are as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Registered holder of securities	Person entitled to be registered as holder (8)	Class and number of securities
<b>Challenger Limited (and its entities listed in Annexure 2)</b>	<b>HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited</b>	<b>HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited</b>	<b>2,880,803 (Ordinary Fully Paid)</b>
<b>As above</b>	<b>J. P. Morgan Nominees Australia Pty Limited</b>	<b>J. P. Morgan Nominees Australia Pty Limited</b>	<b>1,884,979 (Ordinary Fully Paid)</b>
<b>As above</b>	<b>Citicorp Nominees Pty Limited</b>	<b>Citicorp Nominees Pty Limited</b>	<b>233,959 (Ordinary Fully Paid)</b>
<b>As above</b>	<b>BNP Paribas Nominees Pty Limited</b>	<b>BNP Paribas Nominees Pty Limited</b>	<b>1,813,678 (Ordinary Fully Paid)</b>

**5. Consideration**

The consideration paid for each relevant interest referred to in paragraph 3 above, and acquired in the four months prior to the day that the substantial holder became a substantial holder is as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Date of acquisition	Consideration (9)		Class and number of securities
		Cash	Non-cash	
<b>Refer Annexure 2</b>	<b>Refer Annexure 1</b>	<b>Refer Annexure 1</b>		<b>Refer Annexure 1</b>

6. Associates

The reasons the persons named in paragraph 3 above are associates of the substantial holder are as follows:

Name and ACN/ARSN (if applicable)	Nature of association
N/A	N/A

7. Addresses

The addresses of persons named in this form are as follows:

Name	Address
Challenger Limited (and its entities listed in Annexure 2)	Level 2, 5 Martin Place, Sydney NSW 2000


Signature

print name

Linda Matthews

capacity

Company Secretary of Challenger Limited



sign here

date

10/02/2026

DIRECTIONS

- (1) If there are a number of substantial holders with similar or related relevant interests (eg. a corporation and its related corporations, or the manager and trustee of an equity trust), the names could be included in an annexure to the form. If the relevant interests of a group of persons are essentially similar, they may be referred to throughout the form as a specifically named group if the membership of each group, with the names and addresses of members is clearly set out in paragraph 7 of the form.
- (2) See the definition of "associate" in section 9 of the Corporations Act 2001.
- (3) See the definition of "relevant interest" in section s608 and 671B(7) of the Corporations Act 2001.
- (4) The voting shares of a company constitute one class unless divided into separate classes.
- (5) The total number of votes attached to all the voting shares in the company or voting interests in the scheme (if any) that the person or an associate has a relevant interest in.
- (6) The person's votes divided by the total votes in the body corporate or scheme multiplied by 100.
- (7) Include details of:
- (a) any relevant agreement or other circumstances by which the relevant interest was acquired. If subsection 671B(4) applies, a copy of any document setting out the terms of any relevant agreement, and a statement by the person giving full and accurate details of any contract, scheme or arrangement, must accompany this form, together with a written statement certifying this contract, scheme or arrangement; and
- (b) any qualification of the power of a person to exercise, control the exercise of, or influence the exercise of, the voting powers or disposal of the securities to which the relevant interest relates (indicating clearly the particular securities to which the qualification applies).
- See the definition of "relevant agreement" in section 9 of the Corporations Act 2001.
- (8) If the substantial holder is unable to determine the identity of the person (eg. if the relevant interest arises because of an option) write "unknown".
- (9) Details of the consideration must include any and all benefits, money and other, that any person from whom a relevant interest was acquired has, or may, become entitled to receive in relation to that acquisition. Details must be included even if the benefit is conditional on the happening or not of a contingency. Details must be included of any benefit paid on behalf of the substantial holder or its associate in relation to the acquisitions, even if they are not paid directly to the person from whom the relevant interest was acquired.

**Linda Matthews**  
**Company Secretary of Challenger Limited**

**Transactions:**

**Company**

**Name/Scheme:** Smartgroup Corporation Ltd (SIQ)

**As at:** 05/02/2026

**Class of security:** Ordinary Fully Paid

Date of Change	Holder of relevant interest	Nature of Change	Consideration	Number of Securities	Person's Votes Affected
05/02/2026	Challenger Limited (and its entities listed in Annexure 2)	Buy	434,928	51,808	51,808
05/02/2026	As above	Buy	10,982	1,292	1,292
05/02/2026	As above	Buy	9,352	1,114	1,114
05/02/2026	As above	Buy	45,039	5,365	5,365
05/02/2026	As above	Buy	55,508	6,612	6,612
05/02/2026	As above	Buy	73,809	8,792	8,792
05/02/2026	As above	Buy	138,148	16,456	16,456
05/02/2026	As above	Buy	57,833	6,889	6,889
05/02/2026	As above	Sell	175,946	-20,942	20,942
05/02/2026	As above	Sell	397,278	-47,286	47,286
05/02/2026	As above	Sell	348,221	-41,447	41,447
05/02/2026	As above	Sell	527,505	-63,288	63,288
05/02/2026	As above	Sell	1,001,175	-120,117	120,117
05/02/2026	As above	Sell	971,819	-116,595	116,595
05/02/2026	As above	Buy	1,567,315	187,807	187,807
05/02/2026	As above	Buy	89,687	10,747	10,747
05/02/2026	As above	Buy	33,699	4,038	4,038
05/02/2026	As above	Buy	162,317	19,450	19,450
05/02/2026	As above	Buy	200,046	23,971	23,971
05/02/2026	As above	Buy	265,991	31,873	31,873
05/02/2026	As above	Buy	497,825	59,653	59,653
05/02/2026	As above	Buy	208,425	24,975	24,975
05/02/2026	As above	Buy	82,561	9,713	9,713
05/02/2026	As above	Buy	4,726	556	556
05/02/2026	As above	Buy	1,777	209	209
05/02/2026	As above	Buy	8,551	1,006	1,006
05/02/2026	As above	Buy	10,540	1,240	1,240
05/02/2026	As above	Buy	14,017	1,649	1,649
05/02/2026	As above	Buy	26,231	3,086	3,086
05/02/2026	As above	Buy	24,883	2,964	2,964

## Annexure 2

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<b>Company Name</b>	<b>ACN / Company Number</b>	<b>Country of Incorporation</b>
Challenger Limited	106842371	Australia
255 Finance Group Pty Ltd	628853056	Australia
255 Finance Investments Pty Ltd	164516401	Australia
255 Finance Pty Ltd	168112507	Australia
255 Finance Services Pty Ltd	168107355	Australia
Alphinity Investment Management Pty Ltd	140833709	Australia
Ardea Investment Management Pty Ltd	132902722	Australia
Ardea Investment Management (UK) Limited	13043903	United Kingdom
Artega Investment Administration Pty Limited	661042093	Australia
Bentham Asset Management Pty Ltd	140833674	Australia
Calix Re Holdings Limited	202504686	Bermuda
Calix Re Limited	202504726	Bermuda
Calix Re MidCo Limited	202504725	Bermuda
Calix Re Services Limited	202505098	Bermuda
CDPG Australia Pty Limited	124498095	Australia
Challenger DPG France II SAS	495391062	France
Challenger Financial Services Pty Limited	087464131	Australia
Challenger Funds Management Holdings Pty Limited	107728030	Australia
Challenger Group Holdings Limited	002993302	Australia
Challenger Group Pty Limited	003374196	Australia
Challenger Group Services Pty. Ltd.	085657307	Australia
Challenger Holdco2 Holdings Pty Ltd	646761275	Australia
Challenger Holdco3 Holdings Pty Ltd	657425744	Australia
Challenger Home Loan Corporation Pty Ltd	058891302	Australia
Challenger IM Capital Limited	687738263	Australia
Challenger Investment Partners Limited	092382842	Australia
Challenger Investment Solutions Management Pty Ltd	130035353	Australia
Challenger Japan Holdings Kabushiki Kaisha	0100-01-182399	Japan
Challenger Japan Holdings Pty Limited	617208205	Australia
Challenger Kabushiki Kaisha	0100-01-182872	Unknown
Challenger Life CDI Nominees Pty Ltd	055293644	Australia
Challenger Life Company Holdings Pty Ltd	006381193	Australia
Challenger Life Company Limited	072486938	Australia
Challenger Life Debt Investments (Europe) Limited	7626067	United Kingdom
Challenger Life Fund Property Investments Pty Ltd	161212693	Australia
Challenger Life Nominees No.2 Pty Ltd	078627013	Australia
Challenger Life Nominees No.3 Pty Limited	151482147	Australia
Challenger Life Nominees Pty Ltd	091336793	Australia
Challenger Life Subsidiary Holdings Pty Limited	099742122	Australia
Challenger Management Services (UK) Limited	6393787	United Kingdom
Challenger Mortgage Management Pty Ltd	087271109	Australia
Challenger NZ Holdco1 Limited	9279773	New Zealand
Challenger Non-conforming Finance Pty Ltd	107725486	Australia
Challenger Retirement and Investment Services Limited	115534453	Australia
Challenger Securitisation Management Pty Ltd	100346898	Australia
Challenger Special Servicing Pty Ltd	107707415	Australia
Challenger Treasury Limited	093307996	Australia

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<b>Company Name</b>	<b>ACN / Company Number</b>	<b>Country of Incorporation</b>
Challenger Wholesale Finance Holdings Pty Limited	087284240	Australia
Challenger Wind Holdings Pty Limited	151496061	Australia
CLS US Holdings, LLC	5302598	United States
CPHIC Investments Pty Ltd	093340526	Australia
Cultiv8 Carry Services Pty Ltd	661978356	Australia
Cultiv8 Funds Management Pty Ltd	659433593	Australia
Cultiv8 GPCo Pty Ltd	655 779 105	Australia
Eiger Capital Pty Limited	631838607	Australia
Fidante Partners AAM Holdings Pty Limited	636490189	Australia
Fidante Partners AB	559327-5497	Sweden
Fidante Partners Alphinity Holdings Pty Ltd	140716016	Australia
Fidante Partners Ardea Holdings Pty Ltd	133865853	Australia
Fidante Partners Bentham Holdings Pty Ltd	140715573	Australia
Fidante Partners Cultiv8 Holdings Pty Ltd	659373109	Australia
Fidante Partners Eiger Holdings Pty Limited	631837360	Australia
Fidante Partners Europe Limited	4040660	United Kingdom
Fidante Partners FME Holdings Limited	11410594	United Kingdom
Fidante Partners Holdco1 Pty Limited	666942196	Australia
Fidante Partners Holdings (Guernsey) Limited	43315	Guernsey
Fidante Partners Holdings Europe Limited	6172534	United Kingdom
Fidante Partners Holdings Pty Limited	123318650	Australia
Fidante Partners Lennox Holdings Pty Limited	616975565	Australia
Fidante Partners Limited	002835592	Australia
Fidante Partners Liquid Strategies ICAV	C139635	Ireland
Fidante Partners Merlon Holdings Pty Ltd	140715662	Australia
Fidante Partners Novaport Holdings Pty Ltd	140715797	Australia
Fidante Partners Ox Holdings Pty Ltd	649174087	Australia
Fidante Partners Services Limited	119605373	Australia
Fidante Partners System Holdings Pty Ltd	678592928	Australia
Fidante Partners Wavestone Holdings Pty Limited	133626276	Australia
Fidante Partners Whitehelm Holdings Pty Ltd	169043903	Australia
FME Asset Management Limited	11064883	United Kingdom
Fulcrum Asset Management LLP	OC306401	United Kingdom
Fulcrum Asset Management Holdings Limited	16777662	United Kingdom
FAM Services Limited	05000601	United Kingdom
Greencape Capital Pty Ltd	120328529	Australia
Kabushiki Kaisha C & K	0104-01-067168	Japan
Kudu Investment Partners I, Lp	47-2497501	Unknown
Lease Collateral No.2 Pty Ltd	168112481	Australia
Lease Collateral Pty Ltd	168112472	Australia
Lease Funding Management Pty Ltd	168112490	Australia
Lending JV Holdco Pty Ltd	661671683	Australia
Lennox Capital Partners Pty Limited	617001966	Australia
Novaport Capital Pty Ltd	140833656	Australia
Oaklands Hill Pty Ltd	149814559	Australia
Oaklands Hill Wind Farm Pty Ltd	126595935	Australia
Offshore Reinsurer (Bermuda) Company Limited	51746	Bermuda
Ox Capital Management Pty Ltd	648887914	Australia
Ox Capital Management HK Pty. Limited	76656681	Hong Kong
Resonance Asset Management Limited	9028327	United Kingdom
System Capital Pty Ltd	657739323	Australia
System Holdings Pty Ltd	657737276	Australia
US LLC Holdings Pty Ltd	130888292	Australia
US LLC Investments LLC	36-4811214	United States

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Company Name	ACN / Company Number	Country of Incorporation
Water Ventures Limited	9592184	United Kingdom
Wavestone Capital Pty Limited	120179419	Australia