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Competition Authority clears the acquisition by LA Holding of the returnable transport packaging business of Linpac Group

The Competition Authority has cleared the proposed acquisition by LA Holding B.V. of the returnable transport packaging business of Linpac Group Limited. The transaction was notified by the parties under the Competition Act 2002 on 9 August 2011.

The Authority has formed the view that the proposed transaction will not lead to a substantial lessening of competition in any markets for goods or services in the State. The Authority will publish a public version of its determination on its website (www.tca.ie) no later than 31 October 2011 after allowing the parties the opportunity to request that confidential information is removed from the published version.

Notes

LA Holding B.V. is controlled by One Equity Partners. One Equity Partners is a private equity firm controlled by JP Morgan Chase & Co, a global financial services company. One Equity Partners also controls Schoeller Arca Systems Holding B.V. which is active in the returnable transport packaging business.

The returnable transport packaging business of Linpac Group Limited is active in the development, production and sale of returnable transport packaging products. Returnable transport packaging products are used to transport goods from factories to distributors and other end users. Returnable transport packaging products replace one-trip disposable transit packaging products with durable plastic containers that can be reused.

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