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Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears proposed acquisition by Exertis Ireland (DCC) of Espion Distribution

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The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has today cleared the proposed transaction whereby DCC plc, through its wholly owned indirect subsidiary, Exertis Ireland Limited would acquire the entire issued share capital and thus sole control of Espion Distribution Limited. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 13 October 2015.

The Commission has formed the view that the proposed transaction will not substantially lessen competition in any market for goods or services in the State. The Commission will publish the reasons for its determination on its website no later than 60 working days after the date of the Determination and after allowing the parties the opportunity to request that confidential information be removed from the published version.

Additional Information

DCC is an Irish incorporated public limited company whose shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange. DCC is an international sales, marketing, distribution and business support services group which is organised and managed in four separate divisions, each focused on specific market sectors: DCC Energy, DCC Technology, DCC Healthcare and DCC Environmental.

Exertis Ireland is an Irish private limited company and is a subsidiary company of DCC. Exertis Ireland is a distributor of a wide range of information technology ("IT") and home entertainment products and as such is part of the DCC Technology division.

Espion Distribution is an Irish private company limited by shares and is part of Espion Group Limited. Espion Distribution is a distributor of IT products (hardware and software), specialising in IT security and networking products and focusing on 'disruptive' (innovative and emerging, disrupting established) technologies in four key areas; security, storage and virtualisation, networking and wireless technologies.