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Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears proposed acquisition by Reach Publishing Group Limited of sole control of Independent Star Limited

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The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has cleared the proposed transaction whereby Reach Publishing Group Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reach Plc, would acquire sole control of Independent Star Limited. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 24 July 2020.

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

Reach Publishing Group Limited is part of Reach Plc ("Reach"), which is a UK-based newspaper publishing group. In the State, Reach sells the Irish Mirror, the Irish Sunday Mirror, the Sunday People, the Daily Record, the Sunday Mail, the Daily Express, Sunday Express, Daily Star Sunday, and the magazines RSVP, OK!, New! and Celtic View. Reach also operates a number of websites in the State.

Independent Star Limited publishes and sells the Irish Daily Star and operates the websites thestar.ie and buzz.ie in the State.