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Bertelsmann acquisition of sole control of BMG cleared by the Competition Authority

The Competition Authority has cleared the proposed transaction whereby Bertelsmann SE & Co. KGaA would acquire sole control of BMG RM Investments Luxembourg S.à r.l. The transaction was notified by the parties under the Competition Act 2002 on 1 March 2013.

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 the reasons for its determination on its website (www.tca.ie) no later than 20 May 2013 after allowing the parties the opportunity to request that confidential information is removed from the published version.

Notes

The previous joint control, by Bertelsmann SE & Co. KGaA and KKR Forte (Cayman) L.P., will be replaced by sole control by Bertelsmann SE & Co. KGaA.

Bertelsmann SE & Co. KGaA, based Germany, is active in over 50 countries in television, radio, book publishing, magazine publishing, media services and media clubs. Bertelsmann SE & Co. KGaA has four corporate divisions:

- RTL Group, a broadcasting and production company, operates radio and television stations within Europe, but not within the State,
- Random House is involved in book publishing,
- Gruner + Jahr is involved in printing and publish of magazines and newspapers including via the internet, and
- Arvato AG is involved in business process outsourcing and other services.

Ireland Bertelsmann SE & Co. KGaA is active in the State primarily through Arvato AG.

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BMG RM Investments Luxembourg S.à r.l, based in Luxembourg, is an international group of companies involved, including within the State, in music rights management including the administration, development and exploitation of music rights.

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