



The Competition Authority

An tÚdarás Iomaíochta

PUBLIC NOTICE

Full investigation of merger M/10/038 - Barnett/Origin/Hall

The Competition Authority has determined to carry out a full investigation under Section 22 of the Competition Act 2002 of merger notification M/10/038 – the proposed transaction whereby W&R Barnett Limited would acquire joint control of R&H Hall Limited from Origin Enterprises plc. Post-acquisition, Origin Enterprises plc and W&R Barnett Limited will jointly control R&H Hall Limited.

W&R Barnett Limited is an importer of grain, animal feed ingredients and liquid animal feeds. It has storage facilities for grain at the ports of Derry and Belfast.

Origin Enterprises plc owns R&H Hall Limited. Origin Enterprises plc has two divisions: (a) the agri-nutrition division is active in the manufacture, sale, and distribution of feed ingredients, specialist agronomy services, crop nutrition and marine proteins and oils in the State, the United Kingdom, Poland and Norway; and, (b) the food division is involved in the manufacture, sale, and distribution of ambient foods across the retail, food service and manufacturing sectors in the State.

R&H Hall Limited is an importer of grain and animal feed ingredients which it sells to the animal feed and flour milling industries in the State. It has storage facilities for grain at the ports of Dublin, Cork, Ringaskiddy, and Foynes as well as inland storage facilities at Ardee, Co. Louth.

Interested parties are invited to make submissions no later than **5:00pm on Wednesday, 29 December 2010**. Parties making submissions should indicate clearly what, if any, of the material submitted contains business secrets. Submissions should be marked **“M/10/038 – Barnett/Origin/Hall”** and should be addressed to Barry O’Donnell, Mergers Division, The Competition Authority, Parnell House, 14 Parnell Square, Dublin 1 or sent by e-mail to bod@tca.ie