



MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT

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Competition Authority clears the acquisition of sole control of ERM Group

The Competition Authority has cleared the proposed acquisition of sole control of ERM Group Holdings Limited by Charterhouse Capital Limited. The transaction was notified by the parties under the Competition Act 2002 on 30 May 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 14 August 2011 after allowing the parties the opportunity to request that confidential information is removed from the published version.

Notes

Charterhouse Capital Limited is a private equity firm that leads and invests in large European buy-outs. Six of Charterhouse Capital Limited's portfolio companies are active in the State.

ERM Group Holdings Limited, through a number of subsidiaries, provides environmental, health, safety and risk management consultancy services. It principally consults to private sector clients across a range of sectors including oil and gas, power, mining, manufacturing, chemicals and pharmaceuticals. ERM Group Holdings Limited is active in the State through its subsidiary ERM Environmental Resources Management Ireland Limited.

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