



MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT **24 AUGUST 2011**

Competition Authority clears the acquisition by Greencore of Uniq

The Competition Authority has cleared the proposed acquisition by Greencore Foods Limited of Uniq plc. The transaction was notified by the parties under the Competition Act 2002 on 26 July 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 23 October 2011 after allowing the parties the opportunity to request that confidential information is removed from the published version.

Notes

Greencore Foods Limited is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Greencore Group plc. Greencore Group plc has two divisions: Convenience Foods and Ingredients & Related Property. The Convenience Foods division supplies retailers in the State across a range of products including "Food to Go" products (i.e., sandwiches, meal salads, and sushi), chilled ready meals, chilled soups and sauces, ambient sauces and pickles, cakes and desserts, and Yorkshire puddings. Greencore's Ingredients & Related Property division comprises Trilby Trading and Premier Molasses. Greencore also has an associate holding in United Molasses (Ireland). Trilby Trading is an importer and distributor of bulk vegetable oils to the food industry in the State. Premier Molasses and United Molasses (Ireland) are suppliers of imported liquid feed ingredients in the State.

Uniq plc has two divisions: FtG and Desserts. The FtG division manufactures sandwiches and meal salads which it sells to retailers in the State and the United Kingdom. The Desserts division manufactures premium desserts, Cadbury chocolate desserts, differentiated yoghurt and every day desserts which it also sells to retailers in the State and the United Kingdom.

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