



**The Competition Authority**  
An tÚdarás Iomaíochta

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### **Competition Authority clears the acquisition of Quest Software by Dell**

The Competition Authority has cleared the proposed transaction whereby Dell Inc would acquire sole control of Quest Software Inc. The transaction was notified by the parties under the Competition Act 2002 on 20 July 2012.

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](http://www.tca.ie)) no later than 16 October 2011 after allowing the parties the opportunity to request that confidential information is removed from the published version.

#### **Notes**

Dell Inc, which is headquartered in Round Rock, Texas, USA, is involved globally in the manufacture and sale of a broad range of IT products, including, desktop personal computers, software and peripherals, mobility products, servers and storage systems. Dell's services include a broad range of configurable information technology and business-related services, including infrastructure technology, consulting and applications and business process services.

Within the State Dell's Irish based subsidiary companies are involved in the sale of Dell products and services and also in providing financial services to customers purchasing Dell products.

Quest Software Inc is headquartered in Aliso Viejo, California, USA. Quest is active in the design, marketing, and sale of management software products. Both globally and within the State Quest provides IT products and services in (i) database management, (ii) Performance monitoring, (iii) Data protection, (iv) User workspace management, (v) Windows server management, and (vi) Identity and access management.

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