



## **MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT    29 NOVEMBER 2012**

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### **Competition Authority clears proposed acquisition of C&M Vetlink**

The Competition Authority has cleared the proposed acquisition whereby Henry Schein, Inc would acquire control of C&M Vetlink plc, through its wholly owned subsidiary Henry Schein Animal Health Holdings Ltd. The parties notified the transaction under the Competition Act 2002 on 1 November 2012.

The Authority has formed the view that the proposed transaction will not lead to a substantial lessening of competition in any market for goods or services in the State. We will publish a public version of the determination on our website ([www.tca.ie](http://www.tca.ie)) no later than 29 January 2013 after allowing the parties the opportunity to request that confidential information is removed from the published version.

#### **Notes**

Henry Schein Animal Health Holdings Ltd is an English registered company and is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Henry Schein, Inc, based in the US. Henry Schein, Inc. is engaged globally in the manufacture and supply of human and veterinary products (e.g., pharmaceuticals, surgical and consumable products and equipment) and services (e.g., practice management software), to office based health care practitioners (e.g., physicians, veterinarians and animal health clinics) and institutional clients (e.g., laboratories and both government and privately operated clinics). Henry Schein, Inc operates in North America and across 24 countries worldwide.

C&M Vetlink plc is an Irish company, with premises in Annacotty, Co. Limerick and Kilcool, Co. Wicklow. C&M Vetlink plc is involved in the distribution of veterinary products including pharmaceutical (e.g., vaccines, sedatives, anaesthetics and anti-inflammatories), consumables (e.g. sutures, needles, syringes, bandages and gloves) and pet nutrition products to veterinary practices, farmers, licensed merchants and pet stores in the State.

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