



## **MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT** **13 MARCH 2013**

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### **Competition Authority to carry out Full Investigation of Uniphar's acquisition of Cahill May Roberts**

The Competition Authority has decided to carry out a full (phase 2) investigation in relation to the proposed transaction whereby Uniphar plc would acquire sole control of Cahill May Roberts Limited.

Following a preliminary investigation, the Competition Authority is unable to conclude that the acquisition will not substantially lessen competition in markets for goods or services in the State without carrying out a full investigation. The companies have been informed of the decision that the Competition Authority intends to carry out a full investigation in relation to the proposed transaction. The Competition Authority has until 14 June 2013 to make a final decision on the proposed transaction (but may conclude its investigation in advance of this date).

Interested parties are invited to make submissions no later than **5:00pm on Wednesday 3 April 2013**. Parties making submissions should indicate clearly what, if any, of the material submitted contains business secrets. Submissions should be marked "**M/12/027 – Uniphar/CMR**" 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](mailto:bod@tca.ie)

#### **Notes**

Uniphar plc has two business divisions: Uniphar Wholesale and Allphar Services Limited. Uniphar Wholesale is a full-line wholesaler of pharmaceutical, healthcare, and veterinary products to pharmacies, hospitals and veterinary surgeons in the State. Allphar is a pre-wholesaler of pharmaceutical products, healthcare products, veterinary products, and healthcare equipment acting as sole agent and distributor in the State on behalf of manufacturers. Allphar supplies to full-line pharmaceutical wholesalers, community pharmacies and hospitals. Allphar is also involved in the direct supply of pharmaceutical products to pharmacies where it acts on behalf of manufacturers to distribute some of their products direct to pharmacies.

Cahill May Roberts Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Celesio AG, has two business divisions: CMR Wholesale and Movianto. CMR Wholesale is a full-line wholesaler of pharmaceutical, healthcare, and veterinary products to pharmacies, hospitals and veterinary surgeons in the State. Movianto is a pre-wholesaler of pharmaceutical products, healthcare products, veterinary products, and healthcare equipment acting as sole agent and distributor in the State on behalf of manufacturers. Movianto supplies to full-line

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pharmaceutical wholesalers, community pharmacies, hospitals and GPs. Movianto is also involved in the direct supply of pharmaceutical products to pharmacies where it acts on behalf of manufacturers to distribute some of their products direct to pharmacies.

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