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Competition Authority Clears Acquisition of Systagenix

The Competition Authority has today cleared the proposed acquisition of Systagenix Wound Management (US) Inc. and Systagenix Wound Management Mezz B.V. by Kinetic Concepts, Inc. The transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002 on 23 August 2013.

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) no later than 18 November 2013 after allowing the parties the opportunity to request that confidential information is removed from the published version.

Notes

Kinetic Concepts is based in the United States and active in twenty-five countries worldwide including in the State. It is active in the development, manufacture and sale of high-technology therapies and products for wound care and tissue regeneration. Kinetic Concepts' core activity is in the active wound care industry with the development, manufacture and sale of advanced wound care devices that apply negative pressure in order to heal wounds. These devices are typically referred to as negative pressure wound therapy products. Kinetic Concepts does not manufacture or sell moist wound care products anywhere in the world.

Systagenix is active worldwide, including in the State, in the development, manufacture and sale of advanced wound care products, in particular moist wound care products. Systagenix does not manufacture or sell active wound care products such as negative pressure wound therapy products or tissue matrices anywhere in the world.

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