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Competition Authority Clears Acquisition of Resource Facilities Support Limited, Resource (NI) Limited and Resource Services Group Limited

The Competition Authority has today cleared the proposed acquisition by Noonan Services Group Limited and Noonan Services Group (NI) Limited of sole control of the business and assets of Resource Facilities Support Limited, Resource (NI) Limited and Resource Services Group Limited. The transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002 on 19 September 2014.

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 7 December 2014 after allowing the parties the opportunity to request that confidential information is removed from the published version.

Notes

Noonan Services Group Limited and Noonan Services Group (NI) Limited are ultimately controlled by Alchemy Partners (Guernsey) Limited, a private equity firm in the United Kingdom which makes equity investments in leveraged and management buy-outs and buy-ins and provides development capital, principally in the United Kingdom and Europe. Noonan Services Group Limited and Noonan Services Group (NI) Limited provide outsourced services in the State and the United Kingdom. These services include: integrated facility management services; technical services; building management services; security services; cleaning services; landscaping services; environmental services; and pest management services.

Resource Facilities Support Limited, Resource (NI) Limited and Resource Services Group Limited comprise assets that are held by subsidiaries owned by Resource (No 1) Limited, a privately-held company based in the United Kingdom and the State that supplies support services such as cleaning, security services, front of house staff, car park management and window cleaning across the private and public sectors. These assets encompass cleaning and industrial cleaning services, security services, catering services and ancillary services (including janitorial supply, waste management and feminine hygiene).

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