



DETERMINATION OF MERGER NOTIFICATION M/21/014 – BIDVEST NOONAN/LYNCH INTERACT

Section 21 of the Competition Act 2002

Proposed acquisition by Bidvest Noonan (ROI) Limited of L. Lynch Interact Limited.

Dated 14 April 2021

1. On 26 March 2021, in accordance with section 18(1)(a) of the Competition Act 2002, as amended (the “Act”), the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (the “Commission”) received a notification of a proposed acquisition whereby Bidvest Noonan (ROI) Limited (“Bidvest Noonan”) would acquire sole control of L. Lynch Interact Limited (“Interact”), including its wholly owned subsidiary L. Lynch (H2O Solutions) Limited (“the Target”) (the “Proposed Transaction”).
2. The business activities of the undertakings involved are:
 - Bidvest Noonan is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Bidvest Group Limited (“Bidvest”). In the State, Bidvest Noonan provides outsourced services, including integrated facility management services, cleaning services, security services, landscaping services, technical services, environmental services, building maintenance services, hygiene services, COVID-19 decontamination services, pest management services, reception and mailroom services.
 - The Target provides facility management services in the State and specialises in the provision of certain “hard” facilities management services, such as maintenance and technical services, facility support and building fabric services. The Target also provides outsourced mechanical and engineering planned preventative maintenance, BMS maintenance services, water treatment services, and energy conservation services. H2O Solutions provides water treatment solutions in the State.



3. After examination of the notification, the Commission has concluded that the Proposed Transaction falls within the scope of paragraph 2.1 of the Simplified Merger Notification Procedure Guidelines for assessing certain notifiable mergers or acquisitions under section 18(1)(a) of the Act since the undertakings involved in the Proposed Transaction *“are active in the same product and geographic market, but their combined market share is less than 15%”*¹.
4. In light of this, the Commission considers that the Proposed Transaction will not substantially lessen competition in any market for goods or services in the State.

Ancillary Restraints

5. No ancillary restraints were notified.

¹ See paragraph 2.1(b) of the SMNG [here](#).



Determination

The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission, in accordance with section 21(2)(a) of the Competition Act 2002, as amended, has determined that, in its opinion, the result of the proposed acquisition, whereby Bidvest Noonan (ROI) Limited would acquire sole control of L. Lynch Interact Limited including its wholly owned subsidiary L. Lynch (H2O Solutions) Limited, will not be to substantially lessen competition in any market for goods or services in the State, and, accordingly, that the acquisition may be put into effect.

For the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission

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