



## MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT - M/21/025

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**Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears proposed acquisition by News Corp UK & Ireland Limited, through its wholly-owned indirect subsidiary KIP Limited, of sole control of Smurfit Kappa News Press Limited**

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The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has cleared the proposed transaction whereby News Corp UK & Ireland Limited, through its wholly-owned indirect subsidiary KIP Limited, would acquire sole control of Smurfit Kappa News Press Limited. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 12 May 2021.

The Commission has formed the view that the proposed transaction will not substantially lessen competition in any market for goods or services in the State. The Commission will publish the reasons for its determination on its website no later than 60 working days after the date of the determination and after allowing the parties the opportunity to request that confidential information be removed from the published version.

### **Additional Information**

KIP Limited is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of News Corp UK & Ireland Limited. KIP Limited's principal activity is the contract printing of newspaper titles in Ireland; specifically, the entering into newspaper printing contracts with third-party suppliers of printing services. News Corp UK & Ireland Limited is active in the publication of newspapers in the State and the United Kingdom.

Smurfit Kappa Press News Limited is a subsidiary of the Smurfit Kappa Group plc. Smurfit Kappa Press News Limited is a contract printer of national and regional newspaper titles, providing printing services to newspaper publishers specialising in broadsheet and tabloid printed products. Smurfit Kappa Group plc is a manufacturer of paper-based packaging products such as container boards and corrugated containers.