MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT M/21/079 – UNIPHAR/NAVICORP

Section 21 of the Competition Act 2002

The proposed acquisition by Uniphar Plc of sole control of NaviCorp Limited.

22 April 2022

The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC) has decided to carry out a full Phase 2 investigation into the proposed acquisition of pharmacy solutions business, NaviCorp Limited, by healthcare services provider, Uniphar Plc.

Following an extended preliminary investigation, the CCPC has determined that a full investigation is required in order to establish if the proposed transaction could lead to a substantial lessening of competition in the State. The CCPC will publish its Phase 1 determination 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.

The CCPC received a third-party submission during the Phase 1 investigation. Any parties who would like to send in any further submissions are invited to do so, via email to mergers@ccpc.ie, by 4.30pm on Friday 16 May 2022.