

## MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT M/21/072 – BAUER (EXPRES NET)/ E2 SERVICES

### Section 21 of the Competition Act 2002

**Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears proposed acquisition by Express Net, k.s, a subsidiary of Heinrich Bauer Verlag KG, of certain assets of E2 Services.**

**30 December 2021**

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The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has today cleared the proposed transaction whereby Express Net, k.s, a subsidiary of Heinrich Bauer Verlag KG, would acquire certain assets of E2 Services, a.s. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 14 December 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**

Heinrich Bauer Verlag KG ("Bauer") is the ultimate parent of Express Net, k.s. Bauer is a privately-owned German media business. Bauer operates in 14 countries including the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Israel, Norway, Poland, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, the UK, the USA and Ireland. Bauer is active in four business areas: Publishing, Audio, Online Comparison Platforms and SME Services.

E2 Services is a company organised and operating under the laws of the Slovakia. E2 Services currently owns the transmitters used to transmit the Slovakian radio station, Europa 2.