

MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT M/22/050 – CLDN / SEATRUCK FERRIES

Section 21 of the Competition Act 2002

Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears proposed acquisition of Seatruck Ferries Holding Ltd by CLdN Links SA

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The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has today cleared the proposed transaction whereby CLdN Links SA would acquire 100% shares in, and thus sole control of Seatruck Ferries Holding Limited. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 21 September 2022.

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

CLdN is active in the provision of (i) short sea 'roll-on / roll-off' shipping services ("RoRo"); (ii) port terminal services, and (iii) multimodal door-to-door cargo transport. CLdN solely operates the following direct routes between the State and Continental Europe: (i) Santander – Dublin; (ii) Rotterdam – Dublin; (iii) Zeebrugge – Dublin; (iv) Zeebrugge – Cork. Indirect routes are offered as follows: (i) Goteborg – Dublin (via Zeebrugge); and (ii) Esbjerg – Cork (via Zeebrugge).

Seatruck Ferries is part of Clipper Group SA, which is a family-held international shipping group dedicated to global dry bulk shipping via Clipper Bulk and RoRo services via Seatruck. Seatruck Ferries only operates on the Irish Sea, and offers RoRo freight ferry services along three routes across the Irish Sea, namely: (i) Liverpool – Dublin; (ii) Dublin – Heysham (UK); and (iii) Heysham (UK) – Warrenpoint.