MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT – M/22/054 – KAVANAGH RETAILING /CLARKES BARNA

Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears proposed acquisition by Kavanagh Retailing (IRL) Unlimited Company of sole control of Clarkes Barna Limited

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Today, the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has cleared the proposed transaction whereby Kavanagh Retailing (IRL) Unlimited Company would acquire sole control of Clarkes Barna Limited. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 29 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

Kavanagh Retailing (IRL) Unlimited Company is part of the Kavanagh Group. The Kavanagh Group owns ten supermarkets, located in Co. Galway, Co. Mayo, and Co. Donegal, which all operate under the SuperValu brand. Kavanagh Retailing (IRL) Unlimited Company also owns a coffee shop and a homeware shop in Co. Mayo.

Clarkes Barna Limited owns a SuperValu-branded supermarket and two overhead apartments in Barna, Co. Galway.