

MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT - M/23/001 – DFDS / MCBURNEY TRANSPORT

Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears proposed acquisition by DFDS A/S of sole control of each of McBurney Transport Group Limited, Bondelivery NI Limited, McBurney Refrigeration (Ireland) Limited and Bond Delivery Ireland Limited.

24 February 2023

On 22 February 2023, the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission cleared the proposed transaction whereby DFDS A/S would acquire the entire issued share capital, and thus sole control each of McBurney Transport Group Limited, Bondelivery NI Limited, McBurney Refrigeration (Ireland) Limited and Bond Delivery Ireland Limited. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 13 January 2023.

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

DFDS A/S is a Danish-headquartered international shipping and logistics company. DFDS A/S operates through two divisions, the ferry division and the logistics division. The ferry division operates a network of ferry routes in and around Europe and provides both freight and passenger transport services and port terminal services. The logistics division provides full-load and part-load transportation of freight, warehousing and contract logistics solutions. DFDS A/S also provides road transport, warehousing and related services.

McBurney Transport Group Limited is a transport and logistics provider, headquartered in Ballymena, Northern Ireland. McBurney Transport Group Limited provides a range of road transport, distribution and warehousing services to customers in the UK and Ireland across multiple industries, including food and drink, manufacturing, supermarkets, retail and parcel delivery.

McBurney Refrigeration (Ireland) Limited provides a range of ambient and temperature-controlled transportation and storage solutions.

Bondelivery NI Limited and Bond Delivery Ireland Limited provide warehousing and distribution services across the island of Ireland, and is also part of the McBurney group of companies.