

MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT M/25/022 – MIDLANDS 103/SOUTH EAST RADIO

Section 21 of the Competition Act 2002

Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears proposed acquisition by Midland Community Radio Limited of the entire issued share capital of S.E.R.B. Radio Limited

7 April 2025

The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has today cleared the proposed transaction whereby Midland Community Radio Limited would acquire the entire issued share capital of S.E.R.B. Radio Limited. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 19 March 2025.

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

Midlands 103 is active in the markets of radio broadcasting and the sale of radio advertising. Midlands 103 is the local commercial radio station that is licensed to operate in the counties of Laois, Offaly and Westmeath and is active in the radio broadcasting and in the sale of radio advertising in these counties.

South East Radio is active in the markets of radio broadcasting and the sale of radio advertising. South East Radio is the local commercial radio station that is licensed for County Wexford, where it is active in the radio broadcasting and in the sale of radio advertising.