

## MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT OF M/25/027 – CHADWICKS HOLDINGS/HSS HIRE

### Section 21 of the Competition Act 2002

**Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears the proposed acquisition by Chadwicks Holdings Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Grafton Group plc, of HSS Hire Ireland Limited.**

**15 May 2025**

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The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission, on 14 May 2025, cleared the proposed transaction whereby Chadwicks Holdings Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Grafton Group plc, would acquire sole control of HSS Hire Ireland Limited. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 2 April 2025.

The Commission 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**

Chadwicks Holdings Limited is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Grafton Group plc. Grafton Group plc ("Grafton") is an international distributor of building materials to trade customers who are primarily engaged in residential repair, maintenance and improvement projects, and house building. Grafton also has a presence in the DIY, home and garden retail market in the State. Grafton's main operating brands in the State are *Chadwicks*, *Cork Builders Providers*, *Davies*, *Telfords*, *The Panelling Centre*, *Morgans Timber*, *Sam Hire*, *Heiton Steel*, *Proline*, *SiteTech* and *Woodie's*.

HSS Hire Ireland Limited ("HSS") is a subsidiary of HSS Hire Group, and operates a tool and equipment hire service from eight locations in the State.