

MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT M/25/035 – FORMPRESS PUBLISHING/CONNACHT TRIBUNE

Section 21 of the Competition Act 2002

Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears proposed acquisition whereby Formpress Publishing Limited would acquire sole control of The Connacht Tribune Limited.

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The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has today cleared the proposed transaction whereby Formpress Publishing Limited, would acquire sole control of The Connacht Tribune Limited. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 29 May 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

Formpress Publishing Limited is part of the corporate group of Media Concierge (Holdings) Limited, which is a holding company based in the UK. In the State, Formpress owns and operates a number of local and regional newspaper titles and newspaper websites.

The Connacht Tribune Limited owns and operates the local newspaper titles, Connacht Tribune, the City Edition and the associated digital website <https://connachttribune.ie>.