

MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT M/25/036 – BAY BROADCASTING/GALWAY BAY FM

Section 21 of the Competition Act 2002

Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears proposed acquisition whereby Bay Broadcasting would acquire sole of Western Community Broadcasting Holdings Limited.

9 July 2025

The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has today cleared the proposed transaction whereby Bay Broadcasting Limited, would acquire sole control of Western Community Broadcasting Holdings. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 3 June 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

Bay Broadcasting Limited operates radio broadcasting stations, as licenced by Coimisiún na Meán. Bay Broadcasting Limited's entire radio interests are held in the following companies: (i) Classic Rock Broadcasting Limited (trading as Radio Nova); (ii) Choice Broadcasting Limited (trading as Ireland's Classic Hits Radio); and, Star Broadcasting Limited (trading as Sunshine 106.8).

Western Community Broadcasting Holdings Limited is active in radio broadcasting through Galway Bay FM, which is licensed by Coimisiún na Meán to broadcast radio services to Galway city and county.