

MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT M/25/076 – BARRETT STEEL/DUGGAN STEEL

Section 21 of the Competition Act 2002

Competition and Consumer Protection Commission determines the acquisition by Barrett Steel Limited of Duggan Steel (IRL) Limited may be put into effect.

19 December 2025

The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has decided that the transaction whereby Barrett Steel Limited acquired the entire issued share capital, and thus sole control, of Duggan Steel (IRL) Limited may be put into effect. The transaction was notified to the Commission on 11 November 2025.

The Commission has formed the view that the 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

Barrett Steel Limited is a UK-based steel stockholder which provides a range of steel products to customers in a variety of industries, including construction, nuclear, oil & gas, offshore, agricultural, materials handling, safety and access, transport, and engineering. Barrett Steel Limited is active in the State through the distribution of carbon steel products for construction applications from its branches in Maghaberry and Newry in Northern Ireland.

Duggan Steel (IRL) Limited is a steel stockholder based in the State, which provides a range of steel products to customers in a variety of industries, including the agriculture and construction sectors. Duggan Steel (IRL) Limited is active in the State through the supply of carbon steel products for construction applications from its three factories in Kilkenny and a depot in Bandon, Co. Cork.