

## MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT M/25/081 – CELTIC MEDIA/TUAM HERALD

### Section 21 of the Competition Act 2002

**Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears proposed acquisition whereby CMNL Limited, trading as Celtic Media Group, would acquire sole control of the Tuam Herald.**

**16 December 2025**

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The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has today cleared the proposed transaction whereby CMNL Limited, trading as Celtic Media Group would acquire sole control of certain businesses and assets of The Herald Printing & Publishing Company Limited, specifically the Tuam Herald. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 1 December 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**

The Celtic Media Group publishes six weekly local newspapers in print and digital format across Co. Meath, Co. Cavan, Co. Westmeath, Co. Mayo and Co. Offaly. The Celtic Media Group also provides graphic design and digital consultancy services to other local newspaper publishers.

The Herald Printing & Publishing Company Limited publishes a weekly local newspaper the Tuam Herald in Co. Galway.