

MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT M/26/014 – GRAFTON GROUP (CHADWICKS)/CYGNUM

Section 21 of the Competition Act 2002

Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears proposed acquisition whereby Grafton Group plc, through Chadwicks Holdings Limited, would acquire sole control of Cygnum Holdings Limited.

26 March 2026

The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has today cleared the proposed transaction whereby Grafton Group plc, through Chadwicks Holdings Limited, would acquire the entire issued share capital, and thus sole control, of Cygnum Holdings Limited. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 10 March 2026.

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

Grafton Group plc is an Irish-headquartered international distributor of building materials. In the State, Grafton Group plc operates merchanting businesses for trade customers and DIY home and garden businesses through its subsidiaries, including Chadwicks and Woodies respectively.

Chadwicks Holdings Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Grafton Group plc. Chadwicks Holdings Limited owns and operates builders and plumbers merchanting businesses which retail and distribute a full range of building materials principally to residential renovation, modernisation and improvement projects and for the construction of new houses.

Cygnum Holdings Limited is active in the design, manufacture, and installation of prefabricated timber frame units used in the construction of houses, which it supplies from its site in Macroom, County Cork.