

Consent to certain actions for the purposes of the Initial Enforcement Order made by the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) on 4 February 2016

Completed acquisition by Peninsula Business Services Group Limited of Croner Group Limited

We refer to your correspondence dated 21 April 2016 requesting that the CMA consents to derogations to the Initial Enforcement Order of 4 February 2016 (the Initial Order). The terms defined in the Initial Order have the same meaning in this letter.

Under the Initial Order, save for written consent by the CMA, Rainy City and Peninsula are required to hold separate the Croner business from the Rainy City business and refrain from taking any action which might prejudice a reference under section 22 of the Act or impede the taking of any remedial action following such a reference.

After due consideration of your request for derogations from the Initial Order, based on the information received from you and in the particular circumstances of this case, Rainy City and Peninsula may carry out the following actions, in respect of the specific paragraphs:

1. Paragraphs 4, 5 and 8 of the Initial Order

The CMA is continuing to conduct its assessment of the transaction and has not yet taken a decision, pursuant to section 22 of the Act, as to whether a relevant merger situation has been created and whether the creation of that situation has resulted, or may be expected to result, in a substantial lessening of competition in any market or markets in the United Kingdom for goods or services.

The CMA nevertheless considers that, based on the evidence it has received in its assessment of the transaction to date, and in order to ensure the continuity and viability of the Croner business, it is appropriate to derogate from the Initial Order; paragraphs 4, 5 and 8 of the Initial Order shall not apply in respect of acts or omissions by Rainy City, Peninsula or Croner which do not relate directly or indirectly to the tax fee protection insurance businesses of Rainy City, Peninsula and Croner.