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**Completed acquisition by Cineworld Group plc of five cinemas  
owned by Empire Cinemas Limited**

**Notice under section 96(2A) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act)  
published pursuant to section 107(1)(i) of the Act**

The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) hereby gives notice pursuant to section 96(2A) of the Act that the merger notice provided by Cineworld Group plc (**Cineworld**) in relation to the acquisition by Cineworld of the following cinemas owned by Empire Cinemas Limited: Empire Leicester Square, Empire Basildon, Empire Hemel Hempstead, Empire Poole, Empire Bromley (the **Merger**) meets the requirements of section 96(2) of the Act.

The initial period defined in section 34ZA(3) of the Act in relation to the Merger will therefore commence on the first working day after the date of this notice, ie on 18 October 2016. The deadline for the CMA to announce its decision whether to refer the Merger for a Phase 2 investigation is therefore 12 December 2016.