

26 October 2016

**ANTICIPATED ACQUISITION BY MASTERCARD UK HOLDCO
LIMITED OF VOCALINK HOLDINGS LIMITED**

**Notice of extension of the preliminary assessment period
mentioned in section 34A(2) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act)
published pursuant to section 107(1)(ae) of the Act**

On 17 October 2016 the European Commission referred the whole of the anticipated acquisition by Mastercard UK Holdco Limited, an affiliate of Mastercard International Incorporated, of VocaLink Holdings Limited (**the Merger**) to the Competition and Markets Authority (**CMA**) under Article 4(4) of the EC Merger Regulation. Therefore, the preliminary assessment period for the CMA to decide whether to refer the Merger for a Phase 2 investigation has commenced under section 34A(2) and (4) of the Act.

On 20 October the CMA issued a notice to VocaLink Holdings Limited (**VocaLink**) under section 109 of the Act requiring the provision of certain information and documents by 4.30pm on 26 October 2016 (**the Notice**). The information and documents required have not been provided to the satisfaction of the CMA. VocaLink has, therefore, failed (with or without a reasonable excuse) to comply with a requirement of a notice under section 109 of the Act.

Accordingly, the CMA has decided that, pursuant to section 34A(5) of the Act, the preliminary assessment period should be extended until VocaLink provides the information and documents to the satisfaction of the CMA as required by the Notice or the CMA cancels this extension.

The extension comes into force on the date of publication of this notice.