

16 March 2017

**ANTICIPATED ACQUISITION BY LLOYDS BANKING
GROUP PLC OF MBNA 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 Lloyds Banking Group plc in relation to its anticipated acquisition of MBNA Limited (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 17 March 2017. The deadline for the CMA to announce its decision whether to refer the Merger for a Phase 2 investigation is therefore 16 May 2017.