

# Completed acquisition by Electro Rent Corporation of Microlease Inc. and Test Equipment Asset Management Limited

## Terms of reference

1. In exercise of its duty under section 22(1) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the **Act**) the Competition and Markets Authority (**CMA**) believes that it is or may be the case that:
  - (a) a relevant merger situation has been created, in that:
    - (i) enterprises carried on by Electro Rent Corporation (**Electro Rent**), which is owned and controlled by funds affiliated with the investment firm Platinum Equity LLC, have ceased to be distinct from enterprises carried on by Microlease Inc. and Test Equipment Asset Management Limited (together **Microlease**); and
    - (ii) the condition specified in section 23(2)(b) of the Act is satisfied; and
  - (b) the creation of that situation has resulted, or may be expected to result, in a substantial lessening of competition within a market or markets in the United Kingdom for goods or services, including in relation to the supply of rental testing and measurement equipment to customers in the UK.
2. Therefore, in exercise of its duty under section 22(1) of the Act, the CMA hereby makes a reference to its chair for the constitution of a group under Schedule 4 to the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 in order that the group may investigate and report, within a period ending on 4 April 2018, on the following questions in accordance with section 35(1) of the Act:
  - (a) whether a relevant merger situation has been created; and
  - (b) if so, whether the creation of that situation has resulted, or may be expected to result, in a substantial lessening of competition within any market or markets in the United Kingdom for goods or services.

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