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By email

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Dear Mr Mills

Proposed merger of 21st Century Fox Inc and Sky plc

Please find enclosed a European Intervention Notice ("EIN") which the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport has issued under section 67 of the Enterprise Act 2002 ("the Act") in relation to the proposed acquisition by 21st Century Fox of the remaining shares of Sky plc which it does not already own ("the merger").

You will see that the EIN sets out two public interest considerations specified in section 58 of the Act, one in relation to media plurality and the other in relation to the commitment to broadcasting standards, and requires the Competition and Markets Authority ("CMA") to report to the Secretary of State in accordance with Article 4 of the Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003 by Tuesday 16 May.

In view of the CMA's functions under the Act and in accordance with section 241(3) of the Act, we will follow this letter with copies of correspondence between the Department and the parties to the merger, and copies of relevant substantive representations received by the Department on this matter.



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A copy of this letter will be published on the Department's website.

Yours sincerely,

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Director, Department for Culture Media and Sport

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