

**INTERVENTION NOTICE GIVEN PURSUANT TO SECTION 42 ENTERPRISE ACT 2002  
ACQUISITION BY TRINITY MIRROR PLC OF THE PUBLISHING ASSETS OF  
NORTHERN & SHELL MEDIA GROUP LIMITED**

Whereas the Secretary of State has reasonable grounds for suspecting that, as a result of the acquisition by Trinity Mirror plc of the publishing assets of Northern & Shell Media Group Limited, it is or may be the case that:

(a) a relevant merger situation has been created as defined in section 23 of the Enterprise Act 2002 (“the Act”) in that:

(i) two or more enterprises have ceased to be distinct; and

(ii) the value of the turnover in the United Kingdom of the enterprise to be taken over exceeds £70 million;

Whereas no reference of the merger has been made under section 22 of the Act, nor has any decision been made not to make such a reference, nor is any reference prevented from being made under section 22(3)(za), (a) or (e) of the Act or by EU law;

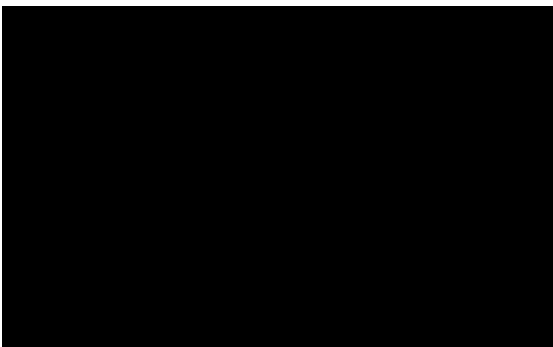
Whereas the Secretary of State believes that it is or may be the case that the following public interest considerations specified in sections 58(2A)(b) and 58(2B) of the Act are relevant to a consideration of the relevant merger situation:

(2A)(a) The need for free expression of opinion in newspapers.

(2B) The need for, to the extent that it is reasonable and practicable, a sufficient plurality of views in newspapers in each market for newspapers in the United Kingdom or a part of the United Kingdom.

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State in exercise of his powers under section 42(2) of the Act hereby gives this intervention notice.

Under and in accordance with sections 44 and 44A of the Act, the Competition and Markets Authority and Ofcom respectively are required to investigate and report by midnight at the end of Thursday 31 May 2018.



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