

**REFERENCE RELATING TO THE COMPLETED ACQUISITION BY
JLA NEW EQUITYCO LTD THROUGH ITS SUBSIDIARY VANILLA
GROUP LTD OF WASHSTATION LTD**

**Notice of termination of extension of investigation under section
39(8) of the Enterprise Act 2002**

1. On 16 April 2018, the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA), in exercise of its duty under section 22(1) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act), referred the completed acquisition by JLA New Equityco Ltd through its subsidiary Vanilla Group Ltd of Washstation Ltd to its Chair for the constitution of a Group of CMA Pane Members (the Inquiry Group). The period within which the report on this reference was to be prepared and published (the reference period) was due to expire on 30 September 2018.
2. On 16 April 2018, the CMA issued a notice to JLA Equityco Ltd (JLA) under section 109 of the Act (the section 109 notice) requiring JLA to provide the documents and information specified in the section 109 notice by noon 26 April 2018. The information and documents required were not provided in full by the deadline to the satisfaction of the CMA. JLA, therefore, failed (with or without a reasonable excuse) to comply with a requirement of a notice under section 109 notice of the Act.
3. On 1 May 2018 the Inquiry Group appointed to consider this reference decided pursuant to section 39(4) of the Act that the reference period should be extended until JLA complies with the requirements of the section 109 notice, or the CMA publishes its decision to cancel the extension.
4. The Group is now satisfied for the purposes of section 39(8) of the Act that the information and documents have been provided as required by the section 109 notice. This means that the end of the reference period is now 14 October 2018.

Stuart McIntosh
Inquiry Group Chair
15 May 2018