

Completed acquisition by Vanilla Group Limited of Washstation Limited

Consent to certain actions for the purposes of the Initial Enforcement Order made by the Competition and Markets Authority ('CMA') on 13 December 2017

The Initial Enforcement Order (IEO) made by the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) on 13 December 2017, provides that, except with the prior written consent of the CMA, Vanilla Group Limited (Vanilla) and JLA New Equityco Limited (JLA) shall not take any action which might prejudice a reference under section 22 of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act) or impede the taking of any remedial action under the Act by the CMA which may be justified by the CMA's decision on such a reference.

The IEO further provides that JLA and Vanilla shall at all times procure that, except with the prior written consent of the CMA, the JLA business is carried on separately from the Washstation Limited (Washstation) business.

JLA has made a request by letter dated 22 June 2018 to the CMA for a derogation to install the payment card vending machines used by the JLA business in the sites of a customer of Washstation: in the [X], [X] and [X] colleges of the [X], and also to include card vending machines at other [X] sites should the [X] so require.

The CMA has considered the request and information set out in the letter dated 22 June 2018. On the basis of the information provided by JLA that:

- a) the payment solution that the Washstation business agreed to provide to the [X] is not permitted by the University's IT system in the three sites referred to above; and
- b) the [X] has requested that JLA install the payment card vending machines used by the JLA business in these three sites;

the CMA grants a derogation from articles 4, 5(a), (g) and (h) of the IEO to allow JLA to install the payment card vending machines operating at the [X], [X] and [X] college sites at the [X].

This derogation is granted on the condition that the [✂], for all purposes, continues to be a Washstation customer and maintains a contractual relationship with Washstation, including in relation to the three sites referred to above.

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Inquiry Group Chair
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