

# Completed acquisition by Menzies Aviation (UK) Limited of part of the business of Airline Services 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 Menzies Aviation (UK) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of John Menzies plc, have ceased to be distinct from the enterprise consisting of the Airline Services business carried on by Airline Services Limited; 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:
    - (i) the supply of de-icing services at Edinburgh airport;
    - (ii) the supply of de-icing services at Glasgow airport;
    - (iii) the supply of de-icing services at London Heathrow airport;
    - (iv) the supply of ground handling services at London Gatwick airport; and
    - (v) the supply of ground handling services at Manchester airport.
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 28 January 2019, 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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