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COMPLETED ACQUISITIONS BY HEADLAM GROUP PLC OF RACKHAMS LTD

Notice under paragraph (b) of the definition of ‘initial period’ in section 34ZA(3) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act) published pursuant to section 107(1)(ab) of the Act

The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) hereby gives notice pursuant to paragraph (b) of the definition of ‘initial period’ in section 34ZA(3) of the Act that it has sufficient information in relation to the acquisition by Headlam Group Plc of Rackhams Ltd, (the Merger) to enable it to begin an investigation for the purposes of deciding whether to make a reference for a Phase 2 investigation.

The initial period defined in section 34ZA(3) of the Act in relation to the Merger will therefore commence on the first working day after the date of this notice, ie on 11 February 2019. The deadline under section 34ZA for the CMA to announce its decision whether to refer the Merger for a Phase 2 investigation would therefore be 5 April 2019. However, as the four-month period under section 24 of the Act currently ends before this date, the deadline for the CMA to announce its decision whether to refer the Merger for a Phase 2 investigation is currently the final day of this fourmonth period (as extended), ie 28 March 2019.