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AstenJohnson Holdings Ltd and Heimbach GmbH merger inquiry

Notice under section 96(2A) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act) published pursuant to section 107(1)(i) of the Act

The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) hereby gives notice pursuant to section 96(2A) of the Act that the merger notice provided by AstenJohnson Holdings Ltd and Heimbach GmbH in relation to the anticipated acquisition by AstenJohnson Holdings Ltd of the paper machine clothing business of Heimbach GmbH (the **Merger**) meets the requirements of section 96(2) of the Act.

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 30 April 2019. The deadline for the CMA to announce its decision whether to refer the Merger for a Phase 2 investigation is therefore 26 June 2019.