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**ME/6824/19 Anticipated acquisition by Inspired Entertainment Inc of certain businesses of Novomatic (UK) Limited**

**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 Inspired Entertainment Inc. and Novomatic UK in relation to the anticipated acquisition by Inspired Entertainment Inc. of certain business of Novomatic (UK) Limited, including Astra Games Ltd (excluding its casino business), Bell Fruit Group Ltd, Gamestec Leisure Limited, Harlequin Gaming Limited, Playnation Limited and Innov8 Gaming Limited (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 26 July 2019. The deadline for the CMA to announce its decision whether to refer the Merger for a Phase 2 investigation is therefore 20 September 2019.

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