

Merger investigation into the completed acquisition by Tobii AB of Smartbox Assistive Technology Limited and Sensory Software International Ltd

Case closure summary

On 1 October 2018, Tobii AB (publ) ('**Tobii**') completed its acquisition of Smartbox Assistive Technology Limited and Sensory Software International Limited (the last two together '**Smartbox**') (the '**Merger**'). On 15 August 2019, the CMA published its final report, concluding that the Merger has resulted or may be expected to result in a substantial lessening of competition, and that Tobii must sell Smartbox to a purchaser approved by the CMA.

Following an appeal by Tobii against the CMA's final decision in September 2019, the Competition Appeal Tribunal (the 'CAT') upheld the CMA's finding that the merger between Tobii and Smartbox would harm competition. The CAT judgment did not affect the CMA's core finding that Tobii must sell Smartbox to an approved purchaser. The CAT judgment can be found here.

On 19 December 2019, the CMA made a Final Order on Tobii to sell Smartbox to a purchaser approved by the CMA. The purchase of Smartbox by CareTech Holdings Plc was approved by the CMA and completed on 6 October 2020. This brings the merger investigation to a close.

6 October 2020