

**REFERENCE RELATING TO THE COMPLETED ACQUISITION
BY TVS EUROPE DISTRIBUTION LIMITED OF 3G TRUCK & TRAILER PARTS
LTD**

**Notice of provisional findings made under Rule 11.3
of the Competition and Markets Authority Rules of Procedure¹**

1. On 12 June 2020, the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA), made a reference to its chair for the constitution of a Group of CMA Panel Members (the Inquiry Group)² in accordance with section 22 of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act), regarding the completed acquisition by TVS Europe Distribution Limited of 3G Truck & Trailer Parts Ltd for further investigation and report within a period ending on 26 November 2020.

Provisional findings

2. The Inquiry Group has made the following provisional findings on the statutory questions it has to decide pursuant to section 35(1) of the Act:
 - (a) a relevant merger situation has been created; and
 - (b) the creation of that situation may be expected to result in a substantial lessening of competition within the market for the wide range wholesale supply of commercial vehicle and trailer parts to motor factors in the independent aftermarket in the United Kingdom.
3. The Inquiry Group's reasons are set out in full in the provisional findings report and are summarized in the summary of the provisional findings report.

The next steps

4. TVS Europe Distribution Limited and 3G Truck & Trailer Parts Ltd and any other person wishing to comment on the provisional findings are now invited to provide the Inquiry Group with their reasons in writing as to why these

¹ See [Rules of procedure for merger, market and special reference groups: CMA17](#).

² Under Schedule 4 to the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013.

provisional findings should not become final (or, as the case may be, should be varied).

5. These reasons should be received by the project manager no later than **17:00 on Wednesday 11 November 2020**.
6. The Inquiry Group will have regard to any such reasons in making its final decisions on the statutory questions and any consequential actions. However, the Inquiry Group shall not be obliged to take into account reasons which are provided after the deadline specified in paragraph 5 above.
7. The Inquiry Group is also publishing separately a notice of possible remedies. This sets out the actions which it considers might be taken by the CMA to remedy, mitigate or prevent the substantial lessening of competition and/or resulting adverse effects provisionally identified.

Kirstin Baker
Inquiry Group Chair
21 October 2020

Note: The CMA proposes to publish the provisional findings report on its website on 21 October 2020 or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter. The published version of the provisional findings report will not contain any information which the Inquiry Group considers should be excluded from the report, having regard to the three considerations set out in section 244 of the Act. These omissions are indicated by [✂].

Comments should be made by email to universal.3g@cma.gov.uk.