

NOTICE GIVEN PURSUANT TO SECTION 56 OF THE ENTERPRISE ACT 2002

Whereas the Secretary of State had reasonable grounds for suspecting that, as a result of the acquisition by the Daily Mail and General Trust plc of JPIMedia Publications Ltd, it is or may be the case that a relevant merger situation has been created, as defined in section 23 of the Enterprise Act 2002 (“the Act”), in that:

- i) two or more enterprises have ceased to be distinct; and
- ii) the share of supply test has been met.

Whereas the Secretary of State believed that it is or may be the case that the following public interest consideration specified in section 58(2B) of the Act was relevant to a consideration of the relevant merger situation:

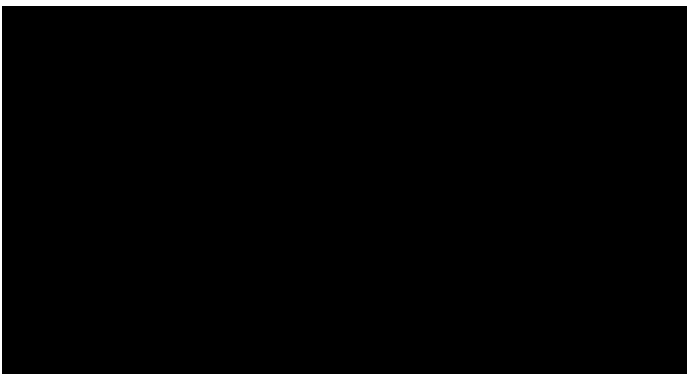
(2B) The need for, to the extent that it is reasonable and practicable, a sufficient plurality of views in newspapers in each market for newspapers in the United Kingdom or a part of the United Kingdom.

Whereas the Secretary of State gave an Intervention Notice pursuant to section 42(2) of the Act on 21 January 2020.

Whereas the Competition and Markets Authority gave the report required under sections 44 of the Act to the Secretary of State on 13 March 2020, and the Office of Communications gave the report required under section 44A of the Act to the Secretary of State on 11 March 2020.

Whereas the Secretary of State has decided not to make a reference to the Competition and Markets Authority under section 45 of the Act on the ground that no public interest consideration to which he is able to have regard is relevant to a consideration of the relevant merger situation concerned.

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of his powers under section 56(1) of the Act, hereby gives this notice and requires the Competition and Markets Authority to deal with the matter otherwise than under Chapter 2 of Part 3 of the Act.



Director, Media & Creative Industries

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