
**REFERENCE RELATING TO THE COMPLETED ACQUISITION BY
VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT S.A. OF A MINORITY SHAREHOLDING
IN SUEZ S.A. AND THE ANTICIPATED PUBLIC TAKEOVER BID BY
VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT S.A. FOR THE REMAINING SHARE
CAPITAL OF SUEZ S.A..**

**Notice of extension of inquiry period under section 39(4) of the
Enterprise Act 2002¹**

1. On 21 December 2021, the Competition and Markets Authority (**CMA**), in exercise of its duty under section 33(1) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the **Act**), referred the completed acquisition by Veolia Environnement S.A. (**Veolia**) of a minority shareholding in Suez S.A. (**Suez**) and the anticipated public takeover bid by Veolia for the remaining share capital of Suez to its Chair for the constitution of a Group of CMA Panel Members (the **Inquiry Group**). The period within which the report on this reference is to be prepared and published (the **reference period**) is due to expire on 6 June 2022.
2. On 21 December 2021, the CMA issued a notice to Veolia under section 109 of the Act (the **section 109 notice**) requiring Veolia to provide the documents and information specified in the section 109 notice by a specified date.
3. The CMA considers that Veolia (whether with or without a reasonable excuse) has failed to comply with the requirements of the section 109 notice.
4. On Monday 10 January 2022 the Inquiry Group appointed to consider this reference decided pursuant to section 39(4) of the Act that the reference period should be extended until Veolia complies with the requirements of the section 109 notice, or the CMA publishes its decision to cancel the extension.
5. The extension to the reference period comes into force on the date of publication of this notice.

(signed)
Stuart McIntosh
Inquiry Group Chair
Tuesday 11 January 2022

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