

Dye & Durham / TM Group

Disclosure of interests

The Competition and Markets Authority (**CMA**) has appointed Adam Cooper as the Director of Remedies, Business and Financial Analysis (**RBFA**) on the Phase 2 investigation of the completed merger between Dye & Durham and TM Group (**The Parties**).

Adam is a member of the Legal Services Consumer Panel (**LSCP**), which advises the Legal Services Board (**LSB**) on consumer issues relating to the legal sector and regulation. The LSB is a statutory body set up by the Legal Services Act 2007 (the “Act”) and the LSB’s Board is charged with promoting the regulatory objectives set out in the Act in relation to the provision of legal services. The LSCP is also a statutory body, which the LSB was required to set up by the Act. Its role is to advise and make representations to the LSB to ensure that the views and interests of consumers are represented in the LSB’s plans, with a focus on issues around access to justice/legal services and helping consumers to be able to access those more easily. The Parties’ customers will primarily be those which are authorised by the regulatory bodies to provide legal services.

The CMA does not consider that the matters mentioned above will prevent Adam from performing his role, or the CMA discharging its functions, in an independent and impartial manner with regard to the completed merger.

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