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ANTICIPATED ACQUISITION BY DEUTSCHE POST DHL GROUP OF J.F. HILLEBRAND GROUP AG

Notice under section 96(2A) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act) published pursuant to section 107(1)(i) of the Act

The Competition and Markets Authority (**CMA**) hereby gives notice pursuant to section 96(2A) of the Act that the merger notice provided by Deutsche Post AG, the parent entity of a group of controlled companies referred to as Deutsche Post DHL Group (**DPDHL**), and J.F. Hillebrand Group AG (**Hillebrand**) in relation to the anticipated acquisition by DPDHL of Hillebrand (the **Merger**) meets the requirements of section 96(2) of the Act.

The initial period defined in section 34ZA(3) of the Act in relation to the Merger will therefore commence on the first working day after the date of this notice, ie on 26 January 2022. The deadline for the CMA to announce its decision on whether to refer the Merger for an in-depth investigation is therefore 22 March 2022.