

REFERENCE RELATING TO THE COMPLETED ACQUISITION BY VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT S.A. OF SUEZ S.A.

Termination of extension of enquiry period¹

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**).
2. On 21 January 2022, the CMA published a notice of an extension of the reference period, made pursuant to section 39(4) of the Act as a result of the failure by Suez to comply with the requirements of a notice, issued under section 109 of the Act (the **section 109 notice**) that required Suez to produce documents and provide information specified in the section 109 notice by Monday 10 January 2022.
3. The CMA is now satisfied for the purposes of section 39(8) of the Act that the documents and information required by the section 109 notice by 10 January 2022 have been provided and the CMA's notice of extension of the reference period, dated 21 January 2022 is therefore cancelled.
4. The notice of extension, published on 7 January 2022, in respect of Suez was cancelled on 31 January 2022, and the notice of extension, published on 11 January 2022, in respect of Veolia, has also been cancelled on 17 February 2022.
5. The extension has therefore now ended, and 41 days will be added to the statutory deadline.

(signed)
Stuart McIntosh
Inquiry Group Chair
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¹ Published pursuant to sections 39(8) and 107(2)(d) of the Act