

**REFERENCE RELATING TO THE COMPLETED ACQUISITION BY
CHC GROUP LLC OF OFFSHORE HELICOPTER SERVICES UK
LIMITED, OFFSHORE SERVICES AUSTRALASIA PTY LTD, AND
OFFSHORE HELICOPTER SERVICES DENMARK A/S**

**Notice of extension of inquiry period under section 39(3) of the
Enterprise Act 2002¹**

1. On 29 November 2021, in exercise of its duty under section 22(1) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the **Act**), the Competition and Markets Authority (**CMA**), made a reference to its chair for the constitution of a Group of CMA Panel Members (the **Inquiry Group**) regarding the completed acquisition by CHC Group LLP (**CHC**) of Offshore Helicopter Services UK Limited (**Offshore UK**), Offshore Services Australasia Pty Ltd (**Offshore Australia**), and Offshore Helicopter Services Denmark A/S (**Offshore Denmark**). The acquired entities (together the **Fisher Business**) were subsidiaries of Babcock International Group plc (**Babcock**). The period within which the report on this reference was to be prepared and published (the reference period) was due to expire on 15 May 2022.
2. The Inquiry Group issued its Provisional Findings and a Notice of Possible Remedies on 17 March 2022.
3. The Inquiry Group has decided that the reference period should be extended by eight weeks under section 39(3) of the Act as it considers that there are special reasons (set out below) why the final report cannot be prepared and published within the reference period. The revised reference period will expire on 10 July 2022. However, the Inquiry Group aims to complete the inquiry as soon as possible and in advance of this date.
4. In taking this decision, the Inquiry Group had regard to the scope and complexity of the inquiry, the need to consider submissions made following the Provisional Findings and the need to reach a fully reasoned final decision in the statutory timeframe. The Inquiry Group considers that completion of its

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investigation and the publication of its final report, will not be possible within the original reference period.

[Signed]
Kip Meek
Inquiry Group Chair
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