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## REFERENCE RELATING TO THE ANTICIPATED ACQUISITION BY CARPENTER CO. OF THE ENGINEERED FOAMS BUSINESS OF RECTICEL NV/SA

### Notice of extension of inquiry period under section 39(8A) of the Enterprise Act 2002<sup>1</sup>

1. On 18 July 2022, the Competition and Markets Authority (**CMA**), in exercise of its duty under section 33(1) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the **Act**), referred the anticipated acquisition (the **Merger**) by Carpenter Co. (**Carpenter**) of the engineered foams business (**REF**) of Recticel NV/SA (**Recticel**) (together, the **Parties**) 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 was to be prepared and published (the **reference period**) was due to expire on 1 January 2023.
2. On 18 July 2022, the Parties made a request to the CMA in accordance with section 39(8A) of the Act for a specified period of time to be disregarded for the purposes of the reference period, as the Parties were considering next steps, including whether to proceed with the CMA's investigation or whether to abandon the arrangements which are the subject of the reference.
3. The CMA considered the request and reasonably believes that the proposed arrangements might be abandoned.
4. Accordingly, the CMA has decided, pursuant to section 39(8A) of the Act, that a period of three weeks is to be disregarded for the purposes of the reference period and the reference period will therefore expire on 22 January 2023.

Martin Coleman  
*CMA Panel Chair*<sup>2</sup>  
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<sup>1</sup> Published pursuant to sections 39(8B) and 107(2)(c) of the Enterprise Act 2002.

<sup>2</sup> Exercising powers under the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013, schedule 4, paragraph 48.