

Anticipated acquisition by The Alumasc Group plc of ARP Group Holdings Ltd and Rainwater Online Holdings Limited

27 October 2023

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 The Alumasc Group plc and ARP Group Holding Ltd and Rainwater Online Holdings Limited in relation to the anticipated acquisition by The Alumasc Group plc of ARP Group Holdings Ltd and Rainwater Online Holdings Limited (the **Transaction**) 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 Transaction will therefore commence on the first working day after the date of this notice, ie on 30 October 2023. The deadline for the CMA to announce its decision whether to refer the Transaction for a Phase 2 investigation is therefore 22 December 2023.