

# ANTICIPATED ACQUISITION BY IBM OF HASHICORP

30 December 2024

## NOTICE UNDER SECTION 96(2A) OF THE ENTERPRISE ACT 2002 PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 107(1)(I) OF THE ENTERPRISE ACT 2002

The Competition and Markets Authority (**CMA**) hereby gives notice pursuant to section 96(2A) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the **Act**) that the merger notice provided by International Business Machines Corporation (**IBM**) and HashiCorp, Inc. (**HashiCorp**) in relation to the anticipated acquisition by IBM of HashiCorp (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 31 December 2024. The deadline for the CMA to announce its decision whether to refer the Merger for a phase 2 investigation is therefore 25 February 2025.