

ANTICIPATED MERGER BETWEEN AKZO NOBEL N.V. AND AXALTA COATING SYSTEMS LTD

16 September 2026

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 Akzo Nobel N.V. and Axalta Coating Systems Ltd in relation to the anticipated merger between Akzo Nobel N.V. and Axalta Coating Systems Ltd. (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 17 September 2026. The deadline for the CMA to announce its decision whether to refer the Merger for a phase 2 investigation is therefore 11 November 2026.