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Competition Authority Clears Acquisition of Beacon Medical Group Sandyford Limited

The Competition Authority has today cleared the proposed acquisition by Linkbey Investment Holdings Limited of sole control of Beacon Medical Group Sandyford Limited. The transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002 on 13 October 2014.

The Authority has formed the view that the proposed transaction will not lead to a substantial lessening of competition in any markets for goods or services in the State. The Authority will publish a public version of the reasons for its determination on its website (www.tca.ie) no later than 27 December 2014 after allowing the parties the opportunity to request that confidential information is removed from the published version.

Notes

Linkbey Investment Holdings Limited is owned by Denis O'Brien who owns and controls businesses engaged in the following activities: the provision of mobile telecommunications services in various countries in the Caribbean, South Pacific and Central America; the provision of infrastructure, utilities and industrial services predominantly in the State and the United Kingdom; the operation of retail forecourts and the provision of fuel to the commercial and wholesale sectors in the State; radio broadcasting in the State, the United Kingdom and various countries in Eastern Europe; online recruitment in China; the provision of disaster recovery services in the State; the franchising and operation of coffee shops in the State and the United Kingdom; and the sale of petroleum products, mainly in the United Kingdom.

Beacon Medical Group Sandyford Limited is the holding company of a group of companies that own and operate the Beacon Hospital in Sandyford, County Dublin. The Beacon Hospital provides healthcare in the State, treating over 70,000 patients per annum. It is one of only three private hospitals in the State with a full range of surgical and medical specialties.

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