



## MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT - M/15/042

---

**Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears proposed acquisition by Grant Thornton Ireland of the accountancy business of RSM Farrell Grant Sparks**  
**11/09/2015**

---

The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has today cleared the proposed transaction whereby Grant Thornton Ireland would acquire sole control over certain assets and related goodwill, constituting the accountancy business (including, amongst others, audit, tax and advisory services) of RSM Farrell Grant Sparks. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 04 August 2015.

The Commission has formed the view that the proposed transaction will not substantially lessen competition in any market for goods or services in the State. The Commission will publish the reasons for its determination on its website no later than 60 working days after the date of the Determination and after allowing the parties the opportunity to request that confidential information be removed from the published version.

### **Additional Information**

Grant Thornton Ireland is a provider of accounting and audit services, tax advisory and compliance services, management consultant services, corporate finance advisory services, and insolvency. It also provides related ancillary services such as company secretarial and outsourced payroll services.

RSM Farrell Grant Sparks is also a provider of accounting and audit services, tax advisory and compliance services and corporate finance advisory services, together with ancillary services such as company secretarial and outsourced payroll services.