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Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears proposed acquisition of three JP Corry stores by Home Project Centre

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The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has today cleared the proposed transaction whereby Home Project Centre Limited, through its subsidiary HPC Management Services Limited, would acquire, from Saint-Gobain Building Distribution (ROI) Limited, sole control over certain assets, constituting three JP Corry branded retail stores, selling building material and DIY products in Oranmore and Gort, County Galway and Cahir, County Tipperary.

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

Home Project Centre is a holding company and the ultimate parent of the HPC Group, which operates nine retail stores in the State, supplying DIY and building materials to the general public and building trade. The Home Project Centre's stores are: three TJ O'Mahony's in Dublin, PH Ross in Cabra, North Dublin, Commons Hardware in Navan, Co. Meath, McCarthy's Hardware of Prosperous, Co. Kildare, Arklow Building Supplies, Co. Wicklow, C+D Home and Hardware, Wexford Town, Co. Wexford and C+D Providers, Larkins Cross, Co. Wexford.

The assets to be acquired by Home Project Centre, consist of three JP Corry Stores:

- Oranmore Industrial Park, Oranmore, Co. Galway;
- Station Road, Gort, Co. Galway; and
- Cahir Business Park, Tipperary Road, Cahir, Co. Tipperary.

All three stores are retail stores, supplying DIY products and building materials.