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Competition Authority Clears Oasis Dental Acquisition

The Competition Authority has today cleared the proposed acquisition by Oasis Dental Care (Central) Limited of the entire issued share capital of each of Xeon Dental Services Limited and JDH Holdings Limited. The transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002 on 8 April 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 1 July 2014 after allowing the parties the opportunity to request that confidential information is removed from the published version.

Notes

Oasis Dental Care (Central) Limited is ultimately owned by Bridgepoint Advisers Group Limited, a European based private equity firm with investments in various sectors in a number of European countries.

Oasis Dental Care (Central) Limited provides a full range of dental services to both National Health Service and private patients in over 200 dental practices throughout England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Oasis Dental Care (Central) Limited has 14 dental practices in Northern Ireland and does not have any physical presence within the State.

Xeon Dental Services Limited and JDH Holdings Limited provide a broad range of dental services to patients in over 70 practices in the UK and Ireland. This includes 2 practices in Northern Ireland and 15 practices in the State.

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