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Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears proposed acquisition by Aurora Acquisitions (The Carlyle Group) of Abtran Group

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The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has today cleared the proposed transaction whereby The Carlyle Group L.P., through its wholly owned subsidiary Aurora Acquisitions Unlimited Company (formerly Aurora Acquisitions Limited), would acquire sole control of Abtran Group. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 23 November 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

The Carlyle Group L.P. is a publicly traded limited partnership, listed on the NASDAQ stock exchange and headquartered in Washington D.C., USA. The Carlyle Group is a global alternative asset manager that manages funds which invest across four business segments: (a) Corporate Private Equity (buyout and growth capital); (b) Real Assets (real estate, infrastructure, energy and renewable resources); (c) Global Market Strategies (distressed and corporate opportunities, corporate mezzanine, energy mezzanine, structured credit, hedge funds and structured credit); and (d) Investment Solutions (alternative investment strategies - private equity, real estate and hedge funds).

Aurora Acquisitions Unlimited Company is an Irish private unlimited company and is part of The Carlyle Group. Aurora Acquisitions Unlimited Company was initially established as Aurora Acquisitions Limited for the purposes of the proposed transaction but it was subsequently re-registered as an unlimited company and as such it does not currently supply any goods or services worldwide or in the State.

Abtran Group, is an Irish private unlimited company and it operates a Business Process Management/Outsourcing (BPM/BPO) business in Ireland. It provides customer engagement and business process management/outsourcing services which include front office, customer engagement (primarily voice) and back office, identification and validation (primarily non-voice) services.