

MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT

BLACKSTONE/ACACIUM GROUP

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Section 21 of the Competition Act 2002

Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears proposed acquisition whereby investment funds, vehicles and/or accounts advised and managed by affiliates of Blackstone Inc., would acquire sole of Acacium Group Holdings Limited.

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The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has today cleared the proposed transaction whereby investment funds, vehicles and/or accounts advised and managed by affiliates of Blackstone Inc. would acquire sole control of Acacium Group Holdings Limited. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 22 June 2026.

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

Blackstone Inc. is a global alternative asset manager and provider of financial advisory services. It is headquartered in the United States and has offices in Europe and Asia.

Acacium Group Holdings Limited (the "Acacium Group") is a global healthcare and life science delivery partner, and operates across the UK, the US, Europe, Asia and Australia. The Acacium Group's principal activities are the provision of workforce solutions and managed services across: health and social care staffing; health and social care managed services; and life sciences. The Acacium Group provides such services in the state from four branches.