

DETERMINATION OF MERGER NOTIFICATION M/26/046 – MHL DUBLIN AIRPORT/BOHRMOUNT

Section 21 of the Competition Act 2002

Proposed acquisition by MHL Dublin Airport Hotel Limited, ultimately controlled by Irish Holdings II LLC, of sole control of Bohrmount Limited

Dated 31 July 2026

Introduction

1. On 17 July 2026, in accordance with s18(1)(a) of the Competition Act 2002, as amended (the “Act”), the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (the “Commission”) received a notification (the “Merger Notification Form”) of a proposed acquisition whereby MHL Dublin Airport Hotel Limited (“MHL”), ultimately controlled by Irish Holdings II LLC (“Irish Holdings”), would acquire sole control of Bohrmount Limited (“Bohrmount”) (the “Proposed Transaction”).

The Proposed Transaction

2. The Proposed Transaction is to be implemented pursuant to a share purchase agreement dated 16 July 2026 between Trident Bidco Designated Activity Company and MHL.
3. The business activities of the undertakings involved are:

The Acquirer - MHL

- MHL is a company created for the purposes of the Proposed Transaction, immediately controlled by the Dublin Airport Hotel Partnership (the “DAHP”), a recently formed limited partnership established under the Limited Partnerships Act 1907. The DAHP is ultimately wholly controlled by Irish Holdings.

The Acquirer – Irish Holdings



- Irish Holdings is active in the provision of hotel accommodation in the State, mostly in Dublin, but also with a presence in Wicklow, Galway, and Limerick. It currently owns majority positions in 11 hotels (Trinity City Hotel; Strand Hotel Limerick; College Green Hotel; Hilton Dublin Charlemount; Intercontinental Hotel; Brooks Hotel; The Galmont Hotel; Powerscourt Resort & Spa; The Spencer Hotel; The Morgan Hotel; and Moxy Dublin City).

The Target - Bohrmount

- Bohrmount wholly owns Bohrmount II Limited, which is active in the provision of hotel accommodation in the State through its ownership and operation of two hotels located at Dublin Airport (Crowne Plaza Dublin Northwood; Holiday Inn Express Dublin Airport).
4. After examination of the notification, the Commission has concluded that the Proposed Transaction falls within the scope of paragraph 2.1 of the Simplified Merger Notification Procedure Guidelines (“SMNPG”) for assessing certain notifiable mergers or acquisitions under section 18 of the Act since:
- two or more of the undertakings involved in the merger/acquisition are active in the same product and geographic market, but their combined market share is less than 15%; and
 - none of the exclusions stipulated in paragraphs 2.8 to 2.15 of the SMNG apply to the undertakings or the markets in which the undertakings operate.

Ancillary Restraints

5. No ancillary restraints were notified.



Determination

The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission, in accordance with section 21(2)(a) of the Competition Act 2002, as amended, has determined that, in its opinion, the result of the proposed acquisition whereby MHL Dublin Airport Hotel Limited, ultimately controlled by Irish Holdings II LLC, would acquire sole control of Bohrmount Limited will not be to substantially lessen competition in any market for goods or services in the State, and, accordingly, that the acquisition may be put into effect.

For the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission

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