Coimisiún um Iomaíocht agus Cosaint Tomhaltóirí | Competition and Consumer Protection Commission

MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT M/26/069 – REXEL/GCG (RWL)

Section 21 of the Competition Act 2002

Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears proposed acquisition whereby Rexel S.A., through Rexel USA, Inc., would acquire sole control of GCG Acquisition Holdings, LP.

23 November 2026

The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has today cleared the proposed transaction whereby Rexel USA, Inc., an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Rexel S.A., would acquire sole control of GCG Acquisition Holdings, LP, together with its indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries, RWL Advanced Solutions Limited and RWL Telecom Solutions Limited. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 14 October 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

Rexel S.A. is a French public company listed on Euronext Paris, and is a distributor of electrical products, services and solutions for the industrial, commercial and residential markets. Rexel S.A., through its affiliates, offers electrical installation equipment, conduits and cables, lighting, security and communication, climate control, tools, renewable energies and energy management, and white and brown goods. Rexel S.A. is active in Europe, North America, and Asia-Pacific.

GCG Acquisition Holdings, LP is a limited partnership, which is currently owned and controlled by Audax Private Equity, and is a holding company for the GCG business. Based in Delaware, USA, GCG is a distributor of wire, cable, and connectivity solutions, serving several markets, including industrial automation, communications, data centres, and industrial original equipment manufacturers. GCG's activities in the State are conducted primarily through its Irish-based subsidiary, RWL Advanced Solutions Limited.

RWL Advanced Solutions Limited is a distributor of network and communications infrastructure products, primarily structured cabling, racks and cabinets, containment and fibre intended for data centre, commercial, and telecom industries.