



## MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT - M/18/066

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**Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears proposed acquisition by EQT, through EQT Fund Management S.ár.l., of sole control of SUSE LLC, SUSE Linux GmbH and Mertus 435. GmbH.**

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On 18 September 2018, the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission cleared the proposed transaction whereby EQT, through EQT Fund Management S.ár.l., acquired sole control of SUSE LLC, SUSE Linux GmbH and Mertus 435. GmbH (renamed SUSE International Holdings GmbH) (collectively “SUSE”). The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 9 August 2018.

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**

EQT is a group of private equity funds that invests in portfolio companies in Europe, Asia and the US, active within a variety of industries. EQT Fund Management S.ár.l. is the fund manager of the acquiring investment fund EQT VIII and has its registered seat at Luxembourg.

SUSE is an open source software provider which focuses on operating systems for servers and other infrastructure software. Its most prominent products are based on the Linux open source operating system. SUSE’s main entities are (i) SUSE LLC with registered seat at Boston, USA; (ii) SUSE Linux GmbH and (iii) Mertus 435. GmbH (renamed SUSE International Holdings GmbH), both with registered seats at Nurnberg, Germany.