



MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT - M/20/001

Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears proposed merger of Flutter Entertainment plc and The Stars Group Inc., to be implemented by way of the acquisition of The Stars Group Inc. by Flutter Entertainment plc.

15 April 2020

On 15 April 2020, the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission cleared the proposed merger of Flutter Entertainment plc (“Flutter”) and The Stars Group Inc. (“Stars”), to be implemented by way of the acquisition of Stars by Flutter. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 17 January 2020.

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

Flutter is a gambling operator headquartered in the State and is listed on the Dublin and London stock exchanges. Flutter is an international betting and gaming operator, offering betting, casino games, poker and bingo to consumers through the internet, telephone and in betting shops. Flutter runs 266 retail betting shops in the State.

Stars is an international operator of technology-based product offerings in the gambling and interactive entertainment industries, headquartered in Toronto, Canada and is listed on the NASDAQ and Toronto stock exchanges. Stars offers betting, casino games, poker and bingo to customers through the internet.