



MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT **16 AUGUST 2010**

Competition Authority Clears the Acquisition by Barclays Private Equity Limited of sole control of Allied Glass Limited

The Competition Authority has today cleared the proposed transaction whereby Barclays Private Equity Limited ("BPE") would acquire sole control of Allied Glass Holdings Limited ("Allied Glass"). The transaction was notified by the parties under the Competition Act 2002 on 30 July 2010.

BPE, a subsidiary of Barclays PLC ("Barclays") and based in the United Kingdom ("UK"), is a management company of private equity investment funds, globally and within the State.

Allied Glass is a specialised manufacturer producing glass bottles and containers for liquors, beer and food, located in Leeds, England, UK.

The Authority has formed the view that the proposed transaction does not raise any competition concerns in the State. The companies have been informed of the decision that the proposed transaction will not lead to a substantial lessening of competition in any markets for goods or services in the State. The Authority will publish a public version of the reasons for its determination on its website (www.tca.ie) no later than 15 October 2010 after allowing the parties the opportunity to request that confidential information is removed from the published version.

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