



MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT

Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears proposed acquisition by Goldcrop Holdings Limited of sole control of Croplink (Ireland) Limited

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The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has today cleared the proposed transaction whereby Goldcrop Holdings Limited would acquire sole control of Croplink (Ireland) Limited. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002 on 12 August 2016.

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

Goldcrop Holdings Limited is headquartered in Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork with three distribution depots located in Dunleer, Co. Louth, Killavullen, Co. Cork and Rush, Co. Dublin. Goldcrop Holdings Limited's principal activity is the importation and distribution of all seed types in the State, including grass, cereal, maize, beet, oilseeds, vegetables and flowers. Goldcrop Holdings Limited also sells plant protection products, crop packaging, agri-hardware and amenity products.

Croplink (Ireland) Limited is a wholesale supplier of plant protection products in the State. Croplink (Ireland) Limited imports plant protection products from manufacturers and uses a third-party logistics company to store and distribute its products to retail customers in the State.