COMPETITION COMMISSION

STATUTORY AUDIT SERVICES MARKET INVESTIGATION

Invitation to comment on agencies invited to tender for statutory audit services market survey work

1 February 2012

As part of its investigation into the statutory audit market in the UK, the Competition Commission (CC) intends to engage a Market Research Agency to carry out a survey to collect information from companies who are subject to a statutory audit, regarding (but not necessarily limited to):

- the relationship that they have with their current auditor;
- how the auditor was selected;
- why they might switch auditor in future; and
- what constitutes quality in terms of the statutory audit.

The CC has approached a number of agencies regarding this work, details of which are set out below. The CC intends to decide which one of these firms will carry out this work by the middle of February 2012.

Accent	Chiswick Gate, 598-608 Chiswick High Road, London W4 5RT www.accent-mr.com
GfK-NOP Ltd	Ludgate House, 245 Blackfriars Road, London SE1 9UL www.gfknop.com
IFF Research Ltd	Chart House, 16 Chart Street, London N1 6DD www.iffresearch.com
Synovate UK Ltd	Minerva House, 5 Montague Close, London SE1 9AY www.synovate.com/contact/europe/uk.html

If any party to this investigation has reason to believe that any of the above-named firms should not undertake this study, either because of a conflict of interest or because of any other restriction on the firm's ability to carry out this role, that party should inform the CC as soon as possible and by no later than **close of business on Wednesday 8 February 2012**.

Any comments should be made by email to the Inquiry Manager at auditors@cc.gsi.gov.uk.