

COMPLETED ACQUISITION BY CINEWORLD GROUP PLC OF CITY SCREEN
LIMITED

Terms of reference

1. In exercise of its duty under section 22(1) of the Enterprise Act 2002 ('the Act') to make a reference to the Competition Commission ('the CC') in relation to a completed merger the Office of Fair Trading ('the OFT') believes that it is or may be the case that –
 - a. a relevant merger situation has been created in that:
 - i. enterprises carried on by or under the control of Cineworld Group plc have ceased to be distinct from enterprises carried on by or under the control of City Screen Limited; and
 - ii. the condition specified in section 23(4) of the Act is satisfied; and
 - b. the creation of that situation has resulted or may be expected to result in a substantial lessening of competition within any market or markets in the UK for goods or services, including the supply of film exhibition services.
2. Therefore, in exercise of its duty under section 22 of the Act, the OFT hereby refers to the CC, for investigation and report within a period ending on 14 October 2013, on the following questions in accordance with section 35 of the Act –
 - a. whether a relevant merger situation has been created; and
 - b. if so, whether the creation of that situation has resulted, or may be expected to result, in a substantial lessening of competition within any market or markets in the UK for goods and services.



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