



# News Release

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## **CC CANCELS RMIG/ASH & LACY INQUIRY**

The Competition Commission (CC) yesterday formally cancelled its inquiry concerning the anticipated acquisition by RMIG Limited of Ash & Lacy Perforators Limited.

The CC has received assurances from RMIG Limited that the proposed acquisition has been abandoned.

The case was referred to the CC by the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) on 26 August 2009.

The CC had been asked to decide whether the acquisition may have been expected to result in a substantial lessening of competition within any market or markets in the UK. According to the OFT, RMIG Limited and Ash & Lacy Perforators Limited are currently the two largest manufacturers and suppliers of perforated metal in the UK. Perforated metal is used in a variety of everyday items, such as washing machine drums and satellite dishes, as well as more industrial applications.

### **Notes for editors**

1. The reference has been cancelled in accordance with the provisions of section 37(1) of the Enterprise Act 2002.
2. The CC is under a duty under section 37(1) to cancel a reference if it is satisfied that the parties have abandoned arrangements for an acquisition of the kind mentioned in the reference.
3. The Enterprise Act 2002 empowers the OFT to refer to the CC completed or proposed mergers for investigation and report which create or enhance a 25 per cent share of supply in the UK (or a substantial part thereof) or where the UK turnover associated with the enterprise being acquired is over £70 million.
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