

9 October 2015

**ACQUISITION BY MRH (GB) LIMITED OF 78 PETROL STATIONS  
FROM ESSO PETROLEUM COMPANY LIMITED**

***Notice under paragraph (b) of the definition of 'initial period' in  
section 34ZA(3) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act) published  
pursuant to section 107(1)(ab) of the Act***

The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) hereby gives notice pursuant to paragraph (b) of the definition of 'initial period' in section 34ZA(3) of the Act that it has sufficient information in relation to the acquisition by MRH (GB) Limited of 78 petrol stations from Esso Petroleum Company Limited (the Merger), to enable it to begin an investigation for the purposes of deciding whether to make a reference for a Phase 2 investigation.

The initial period defined in section 34ZA(3) of the Act in relation to the Merger will therefore commence on the first working day after the date of this notice, ie on 12 October 2015. The end of the initial period is therefore 4 December 2015. The deadline for the CMA to announce its decision whether to refer the Merger for a Phase 2 investigation is therefore 4 December 2015.