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Anticipated merger between Ladbrokes plc and the Coral Group

Notice under section 96(2A) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act) published pursuant to section 107(1)(i) of the Act

The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) hereby gives notice pursuant to section 96(2A) of the Act that the merger notice provided by Ladbrokes plc and Gala Coral Group Limited in relation to the anticipated merger between Ladbrokes plc and Gala Coral Group Limited's betting and gaming business (the **Merger**) meets the requirements of section 96(2) of the Act.

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 17 December 2015. The deadline for the CMA to announce its decision whether to refer the Merger for a Phase 2 investigation is therefore 15 February 2016.

The CMA notes that a request has been made for a fast track reference. If this request is accepted, the announcement of the CMA's decision will be earlier than 15 February 2016.