

**REFERENCE RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION
BY FRANCISCO PARTNERS LP OF G INTERNATIONAL INC.**

**Notice of provisional findings made under Rule 10.3
of the Competition Commission Rules of Procedure**

1. On 22 March 2005, the Office of Fair Trading, in exercise of its duty under section 22 of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act) and its power under section 35(6) of the Act, referred to the Competition Commission (CC), the completed acquisition by Francisco Partners LP (FP) of G International, Inc (G International) for investigation and report within a period ending on 5 September 2005.

Provisional findings

2. The CC inquiry group (the Group) appointed to consider this reference have made the following provisional findings on the statutory questions it has to decide pursuant to section 35(1) of the Act:
 - (a) a relevant merger situation has been created; and
 - (b) the creation of that situation has not resulted, nor may be expected to result, in a substantial lessening of competition within the market for the transmission of electronic data interchange messages from one business to another.
3. The Group's reasons are set out in full in the provisional findings report, and are summarized in the executive summary of the provisional findings report attached to this notice (see note below).

The next steps

4. Francisco Partners and G International and other interested parties are now invited to provide the Group with their reasons in writing as to why these provisional findings should not become final (or, as the case may be, should be varied).
5. These reasons should be received by the Group no later than 5 August 2005.
6. The Group will have regard to any such reasons provided in making their final decisions on the statutory questions and actions.

Diana Guy
Group Chairman
14 July 2005

Note: A copy of this notice and the executive summary of the provisional findings report will be placed on the CC web site on 14 July 2005. The CC proposes to publish the full provisional findings report on its website by 14 July 2005. The published version of the provisional findings report will not contain any information which the Group consider should be excluded from the report, having regard to the three considerations set out in section 244 of the Act.