

**COMPLETED ACQUISITION BY STERICYCLE INTERNATIONAL LLC OF  
STERILE TECHNOLOGIES GROUP LTD**

**Notice of proposal to accept final undertakings pursuant to section 82 of and  
Schedule 10 to the Enterprise Act 2002 and public consultation on the  
proposed undertakings**

On 28 June 2006 the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) referred the completed acquisition of Sterile Technologies Group Limited (STG) by Stericycle International LLC (Stericycle) to the Competition Commission (CC) for investigation and report, under section 22 of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act).

In its report entitled *Stericycle International LLC and Sterile Technologies Group Ltd A report on the completed acquisition of Sterile Technologies Group Ltd by Stericycle International LLC* (the report), published on 12 December 2006, the CC concluded that:

- (a) the acquisition of STG by Stericycle constituted a relevant merger situation;
- (b) that situation had resulted, and may be expected to result, in an SLC in the market for high-temperature treatment of healthcare risk waste in the geographical areas of northern England, the north Midlands, north Wales, the West Midlands and south-east Wales;
- (c) the CC should take action to remedy the SLC and the adverse effects flowing from it; and
- (d) having regard to the need to achieve as comprehensive a solution as is reasonable and practicable, Stericycle should be given the opportunity, as it proposed, to enter into a binding commitment to sell to a suitable purchaser, approved by the CC, STG's incinerators at Salford, Redditch and its incinerator and alternative technology plant at Wrexham; if it failed to do so within an agreed period, the CC would have the right to require the appointment of a divestiture trustee and to mandate the sale of the STG company operating in Great Britain (Sterile Technologies (UK) Limited) in whole or in part.

The CC consulted on possible remedial measures in a Notice of Possible Remedies issued on 19 October 2006.

The CC has now reached agreement with Stericycle and others as to the terms of Draft Final Undertakings to remedy the SLC in full in accordance with recital (b) above. A copy of the Draft Final Undertakings is annexed to this notice.

The CC now gives notice of the Draft Final Undertakings and invites written representations on them from any interested person or persons. Representations should reach the CC by 22 January 2007 and will be published on the CC's website.

In the absence of any written representations, or in the event that the CC decides on consideration of representations made not to amend the Draft Final Undertakings, the CC proposes to accept the Draft Undertakings in their present form pursuant to section 82 of the Act. If the CC considers that any such representation necessitates changes to the Draft Final Undertakings the CC will give notice of the proposed modification.

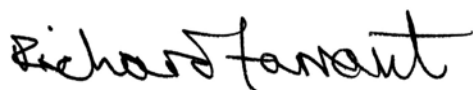
This Notice and the Draft Undertakings will be published on the CC website.

Undertakings accepted by the CC may be varied, superseded or released by the CC in accordance with section 82(2) of the Enterprise Act 2002.

Comments on the Draft Undertakings should be provided to the CC in writing by 22 January 2007 and should be addressed to:

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Inquiry Secretary  
Stericycle/STG merger inquiry  
Victoria House  
Southampton Row  
London  
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or by email to: [tony.gooch@competition-commission.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:tony.gooch@competition-commission.gsi.gov.uk).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Farrant". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'R'.

Richard Farrant  
*On behalf of the Group*

9 January 2007