

**ANTICIPATED JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN THE BBC THROUGH BBC  
WORLDWIDE LIMITED, CHANNEL FOUR TELEVISION CORPORATION AND ITV  
PLC RELATING TO THE VIDEO ON DEMAND SECTOR**

**Notice of extension of time limit for report published pursuant to  
section 107(2)(c) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act)**

1. On 30 June 2008 the Office of Fair Trading referred the anticipated joint venture (JV) (Kangaroo) between the BBC through BBC Worldwide Limited (BBCW), Channel Four Television Corporation (C4) and ITV plc (ITV) (together the parties) to the Competition Commission (CC) for investigation and report. The period within which the report on this reference was to be prepared and published was due to expire on 14 December 2008.
2. On 31 July 2008 the CC issued notices under section 109 of the Act requiring each of the parties to supply specified information and documents by 6 August 2008. In particular, the CC requested further details of the scope of the Kangaroo JV and its activities.
3. On 6 August 2008 the parties each responded that they were unable to comply with the notices. The CC's questions have revealed a number of important issues which are outstanding between the parties and which they have indicated they are unable to resolve without further negotiation. The parties had previously indicated that they had expected all negotiations to be completed by the end of July 2008 but, given the additional matters raised by the CC, they have said that they expect to complete negotiations and provide the specified information by 8 September 2008.
4. Pursuant to section 39(4) of the Act the CC has decided that the reference period should be extended. The information specified in the notices is required by the CC so as to enable the CC to answer its statutory questions. At this stage the CC does not consider that the extension will jeopardize the effectiveness of any remedy the CC might wish to impose but will keep this under review. Pursuant to section 39(8) of the Act, the extension will continue in force until such time as the parties provide the information to the satisfaction of the CC or until it is cancelled by the CC. The CC has noted that the parties have stated their intention to supply the information by 8 September 2008. The CC considers that the parties have a reasonable excuse for supplying the information to such a timescale and, as matters currently stand, does not intend to cancel the extension or to consider the imposition of any penalties for non-compliance until after that date.

*(signed)* Peter Freeman  
Chairman, Competition Commission  
8 August 2008