

THE ANTICIPATED ACQUISITION OF LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE PLC BY DEUTSCHE BÖRSE AG

Consultation on extension of inquiry period

By section 39(3) of the Enterprise Act 2002, the Competition Commission (CC) may extend, by no more than eight weeks, the period under which a report on a reference in relation to a completed or anticipated merger situation is to be prepared and published, if it considers that there are special reasons why the report cannot be prepared and published within that period.

The CC is considering whether the current reporting period, ending on 12 September 2005, is sufficient to allow for full consideration of, and consultation on, the possible remedies set out in the Notice of Possible Remedies that has been published today on the CC web site.

Comments are invited and should be sent to the Inquiry Secretary by 12 August 2005.

The CC will then decide whether the inquiry period should be extended and, if so, for how long. If this period is to be extended, the CC will publish on its web site a revised administrative timetable.

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Group Chairman
29 July 2005