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GAME GROUP PLC AND GAME STATION LIMITED MERGER INQUIRY

Competition Commission invites evidence

The Office of Fair Trading (OFT) has referred the completed acquisition by Game Group plc of Game Station Limited to the Competition Commission (CC).

The CC has been asked to decide whether the merger may be expected to result in a substantial lessening of competition within any market or markets for goods or services in the supply of video gaming software in the UK.

The CC is expected to report by 23 January 2008.

The CC would like to hear from all interested parties, in writing, by 31 August 2007. To submit evidence, please email game.gamestation@cc.gsi.gov.uk or write to:

Inquiry Secretary (Game/Gamestation)
Competition Commission
Victoria House
Southampton Row
LONDON
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Notes for editors

1. The CC is an independent public body, which carries out investigations into mergers, markets, and the regulated industries.
2. The Enterprise Act 2002 empowers the OFT to refer to the CC completed or proposed mergers for investigation and report which create or enhance a 25 per cent share of supply in the UK (or a substantial part thereof) or where the UK turnover associated with the enterprise being acquired is over £70 million.

3. The CC has a 24-week period in which it is required to publish its report, which may be extended by no more than eight weeks if it considers that there are special reasons why the report cannot be published within that period.
4. Further information on the CC and its procedures, including its policy on the provision of information and the disclosure of evidence, can be obtained from its website at: www.competition-commission.org.uk.
5. Enquiries should be directed to Rory Taylor on 020 7271 0242 (email rory.taylor@cc.gsi.gov.uk).