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CC CANCELS MDA/QUEST ASSOCIATES MERGER INQUIRY

The Competition Commission (CC) has today formally cancelled its inquiry concerning the proposed acquisition by MacDonald, Dettwiler and Associates Limited (MDA) of Quest End Computer Services Limited, Quest Systems Development Limited and Cywood Management Limited (collectively 'Quest Associates').

The CC has received assurances from the parties that the proposed acquisition has been abandoned.

The case was referred to the CC by the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) on 14 February 2007.

The CC had been asked to consider whether the acquisition might have been expected to result in a substantial lessening of competition within any market or markets in the UK for goods or services, namely the supply of network connectivity and workflow and administrative software as a composite product.

Notes for editors

1. The reference has been cancelled in accordance with the provisions of section 37(1) of the Enterprise Act 2002.
2. The CC is under a duty under section 37(1) to cancel a reference if it is satisfied that the parties have abandoned arrangements for an acquisition of the kind mentioned in the reference.
3. 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.
4. Enquiries should be directed to Rory Taylor, Press Office, on 020 7271 0242 (email: rory.taylor@cc.gsi.gov.uk).