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Competition Authority Clears Acquisition of ATC by Blackstone

The Competition Authority has cleared the proposed acquisition of control by the Blackstone Group L.P. (Blackstone) of ATC Midco S.à.r.l. (Luxembourg) (ATC). The transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002 on 11 June 2013.

The Authority has formed the view that the proposed transaction will not substantially lessen competition in any market for goods or services in the State. The companies have been informed of the decision. The Authority will publish a public version of the reasons for its determination on its website (www.tca.ie) no later than 25 August 2013 after allowing the parties the opportunity to request that confidential information is removed from the published version.

Notes

Blackstone is incorporated in the United States and is a global alternative asset manager and provider of financial advisory services. Blackstone's core business is to identify and execute investment opportunities on behalf of its clients. In the State, Blackstone is active, through a number of its portfolio companies including Intertrust.

Intertrust is a global trust, administration and corporate services firm, headquartered in the Netherlands. Intertrust provides a broad range of commercial, legal, tax and administrative services (e.g. accounting and reporting) and also provides facilities to establish and maintain foreign corporate entities.

ATC is a global provider of trust and corporate administration services including company secretarial services and a broad range of other administration services.

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