



The Competition Authority
An tÚdarás Iomaíochta

PUBLIC NOTICE

Full investigation of M/09/024 Greenstar/Veolia (Ireland)

The Competition Authority has determined to carry out a full investigation under Section 22 of the Competition Act 2002 in respect of Notification M/09/024 – the proposed transaction whereby Greenstar Holdings Limited would acquire sole control of Veolia Environmental Services (Ireland) Limited (“VESI”) from its current owner Veolia Propreté SA (“Veolia”).

Greenstar Limited (“Greenstar”) provides integrated waste management solutions for domestic and commercial customers in the State. Greenstar operates waste transfer facilities in Dublin, Waterford, Cork, Kilkenny, Wexford, Wicklow, and Sligo.

The parent company of VESI, Veolia, has decided to exit the non-hazardous waste business in Ireland. VESI owns and operates Veolia’s hazardous and non-hazardous waste operation in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. The proposed acquisition relates only to Veolia’s non-hazardous waste business. VESI’s non-hazardous waste business provides integrated waste management solutions for commercial and industrial customers in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. VESI is headquartered in Ballymount Cross, Dublin and operates waste transfer stations in Dublin, Newry, Cork, Waterford and Limerick.

Interested parties are invited to make submissions no later than **5:00pm on 28 January 2010**. Parties making submissions should indicate clearly what, if any, of the material submitted contains business secrets. Submissions should be marked “**M/09/024 - Greenstar/Veolia (Ireland)**” and should be addressed to Elisa Ryan, Mergers Division, The Competition Authority, Parnell House, 14 Parnell Square, Dublin 1 or sent by e-mail to er@tca.ie