

MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT M/24/048 – ARDIAN FRANCE/ MASCO GROUP

Section 21 of the Competition Act 2002

Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears the proposed acquisition by Ardian Buyout Fund VII B S.L.P., which is managed by Ardian France S.A., of sole control of Masco Group S.r.l.

26 August 2024

The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has today cleared the proposed acquisition whereby Ardian Buyout Fund VII B S.L.P., which is managed by Ardian France S.A., will acquire sole control of Masco Group S.r.l. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 6 August 2024.

The Commission has formed the view that the proposed transaction will not substantially lessen competition in any market for goods or services in the State. The Commission will publish the reasons for its determination on its website no later than 60 working days after the date of the determination and after allowing the parties the opportunity to request that confidential information be removed from the published version.

Additional Information

Ardian Buyout Fund VII B S.L.P is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ardian France S.A. Ardian is a France-based, independent private equity investment company that invests in portfolio companies worldwide within a variety of industries.

The Target is a limited liability company (*società a responsabilità limitata*) incorporated and registered in Italy. The Target's business focuses on providing equipment and engineering services for life sciences.