

# MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT M/25/020 – DCC/RICHARD BITTNER

## Section 21 of the Competition Act 2002

**Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears the proposed acquisition by DCC plc through its indirect subsidiary HBI Health & Beauty Innovations Limited of sole control of Richard Bittner AG.**

**28 March 2025**

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The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has cleared the proposed transaction whereby DCC plc through its indirect subsidiary HBI Health & Beauty Innovations Limited would acquire the entire issued share capital, and thus sole control, of Richard Bittner AG. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 12 March 2025.

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**

DCC plc is an international sales, marketing, distribution and business support services group. It operates across three divisions: Energy, Technology and Healthcare. It has a business presence in 22 countries, most prominently in the State, the United Kingdom, France, Germany and Switzerland and sells into approximately 120 countries.

HBI Health & Beauty Innovations Limited is a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of DCC plc.

Richard Bittner AG is a contract development and manufacturing organisation producing food supplements, medical devices and pharmaceuticals, based in Feldkirchen, Austria.