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CCC Merger Inquiry Notice No. 32 of 2025

Notice of Inquiry into the Proposed Merger involving CMA CGM Inland Services and October Dry Port S.A.E

It is hereby notified in terms of Article 26(6) of the COMESA Competition Regulations (the “**Regulations**”) that the COMESA Competition Commission (the “**Commission**”), after receiving a notification in terms of Article 24 of the Regulations regarding a proposed merger between CMA CGM Inland Services (“**CCIS**”) and Dry Port S.A.E (“**ODP**”), intends to embark on an inquiry in terms of Article 26 of the Regulations.

The parties submitted that CCIS is a wholly owned subsidiary of CMA CGM S.A. (“**CMA CGM**”). CMA CGM offers a range of services related to sea transportation, including container liner shipping and port terminal services. CMA CGM also provides freight forwarding and contract logistics services through its wholly owned subsidiary CEVA Logistics. CMA CGM further provides, through CCIS, a limited range of ancillary supply chain management services. CMA CGM also recently launched CMA CGM Air Cargo which provides air freight transportation services. In the Common Market, the Acquiring Group operates in Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The parties have submitted that the ODP is an intermodal freight terminal (rail/road) located in 6th October, Cario, Egypt connected by rail to certain Egyptian sea ports (specifically Alexandria, Dekhila, Damietta, Port Said (West), Sokhna, and Adabiya). The port speeds up the flow of cargo between ships and major land transportation networks and creates a central and fully equipped distribution point to facilitate the operations of freight forwarders, Egyptian importers and exporters and other shipping lines. In the Common Market, ODP operates in Egypt, Ethiopia, Libya, Sudan, Tunisia and Zambia.

The parties submitted that the transaction will allow the Acquiring Group to offer a full set of inland services, namely, transport, storage and value-added services. Through ODP, the Acquiring Group will have dedicated rail services connecting the ports of Alexandria and Ain Sokhna to ODP near the major industrial and logistics zone of Cairo, Egypt. The parties further submitted that the Proposed Transaction will also assist ODP to secure additional volume and growth.

The Commission will, in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations, determine, among other things, whether the proposed transaction is likely to substantially prevent or lessen competition in the Common Market and whether the proposed transaction is or would be contrary to the public interest as provided for under Article 26 of the Regulations.

In view of this, the Commission hereby gives notice to all interested stakeholders, including competitors, suppliers and customers of the parties to the proposed transaction to submit written representations to the Commission with regard to the subject matter of the proposed inquiry by emailing them to: sbundhun@comesacompetition.org. All written representations should be sent to the Commission not later than **2 October 2025**.

If you wish to seek further details and/or clarifications on any aspect of this proposed transaction or need assistance you may get in touch with **Ms. Sunjida Bundhun, Principal Analyst, Competition Division** on Tel: +265 (0) 111 772 466 or sbundhun@comesacompetition.org.

All written representations submitted to the Commission will be treated with the strictest confidentiality and will only be used for the purpose of this inquiry.