22 September 2026

CCCC Merger Inquiry Notice No. 49 of 2026

Notice of Inquiry into the Proposed Acquisition by EQT Fund Management S. à.r.l of Intertek Group Plc

It is hereby notified in terms of Regulation 44(11) of the COMESA Competition and Consumer Protection Regulations (the "**CCCPR**") that the COMESA Competition and Consumer Commission (the "**CCCC**"), after receiving a notification in terms of Regulation 42 of the CCCPR regarding the proposed acquisition by EQT Fund Management S.à.r.l ("**EQT**", or the "**Acquiring Firm**") of indirect sole control of Intertek Group Plc ("**Intertek**", or the "**Target Firm**"), intends to embark on an inquiry in terms of Regulation 47 of the CCCPR.

The parties submitted that EQT acts as fund manager for and on behalf of the entities comprising the investment fund, EQT X. EQT, EQT X and the other funds managed by EQT which are collectively referred to as the '**Acquiring Group**'. The Acquiring Group is a global private markets investment firm principally engaged in raising and managing investment funds which acquire interests in companies and assets across private capital, infrastructure and real estate. The portfolio companies are active globally across a variety of industries and sectors, including consumer products, energy and environment, healthcare, real estate, services, social, technology, and transportation and logistics. In the Common Market, the EQT Group operates in all Member States.

The parties submitted that Intertek is a provider of assurance, testing, inspection and certification services. In the Common Market, Intertek is primarily active within softlines, business assurance, and inspection services within the oil & gas industry and other commodities markets through Caleb Brett. In the Common Market, Interek operates in Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Libya, Mauritius, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe

The parties further submitted that the merger entails the proposed acquisition by EQT, through Isotope Bidco Limited, of 76% of the issued ordinary shares of Intertek, thereby acquiring indirect sole control over Intertek Group Plc and its subsidiaries.

In accordance with the provisions of the CCCPR, the CCCC will determine, among other things, whether the proposed transaction is likely to substantially lessen competition in the Common Market and whether the proposed transaction is or would be contrary to the public interest as provided for under Regulation 47 of the CCCPR.

In view of this, the CCCC 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 CCCC 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 CCCC not later than **14 October 2026.**

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, Manager Mergers and Acquisitions, Competition Division,** on Tel: +265 (0) 111 772 466 or sbundhun@comesacompetition.org.

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