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CCCC Merger Inquiry Notice No. 42 of 2026

Notice of Inquiry into the Proposed Acquisition of ZIM Integrated Shipping Services Ltd by Hapag-Llyod Aktiengesellschaft

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 merger involving the proposed acquisition by Hapag-Llyod Aktiengesellschaft ("**HLAG**" or the **"Acquiring Firm"**) of ZIM Integrated Shipping Services Ltd ("**ZIM**" or the **"Target Firm**"), intends to embark on an inquiry in terms of Regulation 47 of the CCCPR. HLAG and ZIM are collectively referred to as (the **"Parties**").

The parties submitted that HLAG is a global liner shipping company, offering global transport services for containerised (reefer and dry) cargo under the Hapag-Lloyd brand. HLAG provides global door-to-door and port-to-port containerised cargo services and terminal operations for HLAG and other shipping liner customers. HLAG is a shareholder in 22 terminals in Europe, North America, Latin America, Asia and Africa, and also provides complementary logistics services at selected locations in addition to the terminal activities. In the Common Market, the Acquiring Group is principally involved in the provision of container liner shipping services from and to various ports. In the Common Market, the Acquiring Firm operates in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Libya, Mauritius, Sudan, Tunisia, and Uganda.

The parties submitted that the Target Firm is primarily active in container liner shipping and related services, including freight forwarding services globally. In the Common Market, Zim operates in Egypt, Kenya, Mauritius, and Seychelles.

The proposed transaction concerns the proposed acquisition by HLAG of 100% of the outstanding ordinary shares and voting rights of, and sole control over ZIM.

The CCCC will, in accordance with the provisions of the CCCPR, 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.

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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: Njumeer@comesacompetition.org. All written representations should be sent to the CCCC not later than 2 September 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. Nadjmiya Jumeer, Principal Analyst, Competition Division on Tel: +265 (0) 111 772 466 or Njumeer@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.