

**REFERENCE RELATING TO THE COMPLETED ACQUISITION BY  
CAPITA GROUP PLC OF IBS OPENSYSYSTEMS PLC**

**Notice of extension of inquiry period published pursuant to  
section 107(2)(c) Enterprise Act 2002**

1. On 19 November 2008, the Office of Fair Trading, in exercise of its duty under section 22(1) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act) referred to the Competition Commission (the CC) for investigation and report the completed acquisition by Capita Group plc (Capita) of IBS OPENSysystems plc (IBS). The CC published its Notice of Provisional Findings on 1 April 2009. As it had provisionally found that the acquisition would be expected to result in a substantial lessening of competition in the market for the supply in the UK of revenues and benefits software and related services, it also published a Notice of Possible Remedies on the same day.
2. The period within which the report on this reference was to be prepared and published (the reference period) was due to expire on 5 May 2009. The group of members of the CC appointed to consider this reference (the Group) now considers that the completion of its investigation, including the remedies process, and the publication of its final report, will not be possible within the original reference period and has concluded that an extension is necessary because of delays in the provision of information necessary to carry out the inquiry and the need to consider the effectiveness of both a full and a partial divestiture of the IBS business.
3. The Group has therefore decided that the reference period should be extended by eight weeks under section 39(3) of the Act. The revised reference period will expire on 30 June 2009. The Group nevertheless intends to complete the inquiry as quickly as possible.

*(signed)* CHRISTOPHER CLARKE  
Group Chairman  
30 April 2009