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# **CCC Merger Inquiry Notice No. 19 of 2020**

# Notice of Inquiry into the Merger between CEVA Logistics AG and AMI Worldwide Limited

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 on the merger involving CEVA Logistics AG ("CEVA – the primary acquiring undertaking") and AMI Worldwide Limited ("AMI – the primary target undertaking"), intends to embark on an inquiry in terms of Article 26 of the Regulations.

The parties have submitted that the proposed transaction concerns the acquisition by CEVA Logistics AG of shares in and accordingly control over AMI Worldwide Limited.

#### The Parties

## **CEVA**

The parties have submitted that the acquiring undertaking, CEVA, is a global freight forwarding and logistics company based in Switzerland. CEVA is a wholly-owned subsidiary of CMA CGM S.A. ("CMA CGM"), a company incorporated in terms of the laws of France. CEVA is a worldwide maritime transport and logistics group. The parties have submitted that within the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), CEVA has operations in the following Member States: Burundi, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

### **AMI**

The parties have submitted that the target undertaking, AMI, is a company incorporated in Mauritius. AMI is a third party logistics solution provider focusing on Eastern and Southern Africa which is active in freight forwarding (covering sea, air, land and rail), customs clearance and related import and export services, and other value added services such as warehousing and distribution. The parties have submitted that AMI has operations in the following COMESA Member States: Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Rwanda, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The Commission will, in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations, determine among other things whether or not the merger is likely to substantially prevent or lessen competition within the Common Market and whether the merger 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 merging parties to submit written representations to the Commission with regard to the subject matter of the proposed inquiry by emailing them to: <a href="mailto:akamanga@comesa.int">akamanga@comesa.int</a>. All written representations should be sent to the Commission not later than 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020.

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 Mr. Ali Kamanga, Senior Analysist - Mergers and Acquisitions on Tel: +265 (0) 1 772 466 or E-mail <a href="mailto:akamanga@comesa.int">akamanga@comesa.int</a>.

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.