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## **CCC Merger Inquiry Notice No. 04 of 2021**

### **Notice of Inquiry into the Proposed Merger Involving Allied Universal Topco LLC and G4S Plc**

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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 proposed merger involving Allied Universal Topco LLC (“**Allied Universal or the Acquiring Firm**”) and G4S Plc (“**G4S or the Target Firm**”), intends to embark on an inquiry in terms of Article 26 of the Regulations.

The parties have submitted that on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020, Allied Universal announced its firm intention to acquire the entire issued and to be issued share capital of G4S pursuant to Rule 2.7 Announcement (the **Rule 2.7 Announcement**) of the UK Takeover Code. The Rule 2.7 Announcement also contained a recommendation by the G4S Board that the G4S shareholders accept the offer. It has also been submitted that the proposed transaction intends to expand Allied Universal’s geographic footprint and further Allied Universal’s goal of becoming one of the leading global integrated security services companies, bringing together manned security services and technology-enabled solutions. Further, with a complementary business mix, enhanced market reach and opportunities for sharing best practices, the proposed transaction will enable Allied Universal and G4S to deliver greater value for customers.

#### **The Parties**

##### ***Allied Universal***

The parties have submitted that the acquiring undertaking, Allied Universal, is an existing full function joint venture controlled by affiliates of Warburg Pincus LLC (“**Warburg Pincus**”) and Caisse de Dépôt et Placement du Québec (CDPQ) (Allied Universal, Warburg Pincus and CDPQ and the firms controlled by Allied Universal, Warburg Pincus and CDPQ are hereinafter referred to as the “**Acquiring Group**”). It has been submitted that Allied Universal is a security services and facilities management company headquartered in Santa Ana, California, United States. Allied Universal provides the following services: i) integrated security solutions incorporating manned guarding and security technologies, ii) cleaning and maintenance services, iii) risk advisory and consulting services, and iv) temporary and permanent staffing solutions, to customers across a variety of business sectors. Allied Universal provides its services to airports, colleges and universities, commercial real estate, corporate campuses,

distribution/manufacturing facilities, educational facilities, financial institutions, government facilities, healthcare facilities, chemical/petrochemical facilities, residential communities, retail centres, shopping centres and malls. Allied Universal is only in the United Kingdom and has no activities in the Common Market. The parties have submitted that the Acquiring Group through Warburg Pincus and CDPQ, generate revenue in the following COMESA Member States: Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, Tunisia, Uganda, and Zambia.

### **G4S**

The parties have submitted that the target undertaking, G4S, is a global provider of security solutions with its headquarters in London, United Kingdom. It is a publicly owned company listed on the London Stock Exchange and Copenhagen Stock Exchange. It has operations in more than 85 countries covering a range of services including guarding, integrated security solutions, custodial and detection services, immigration, policing as well a broad range of other services, such as health services, crisis planning, facilities management, employment services and cash solutions. G4S has activities in the following Member States: Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Uganda, and Zambia.

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: [akamanga@comesa.int](mailto:akamanga@comesa.int). All written representations should be sent to the Commission not later than **24<sup>th</sup> February 2021**.

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 Analyst - Mergers and Acquisitions on Tel: +265 (0) 1 772 466 or E-mail [akamanga@comesa.int](mailto:akamanga@comesa.int)**.

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.