

## **Media Release**

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### **Commission publishes draft guidelines for the assessment of public interest provisions in mergers**

Today, 23 January 2015, the Commission published the draft guidelines for the assessment of public interest provisions in merger regulation under the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998 (as amended), for public comment.

The guidelines seek to provide guidance on the Commission's approach to analysing mergers by indicating the approach that the Commission is likely to follow and the types of information that the Commission may require when evaluating public interest grounds in terms of section 12A(3) of the Act.

The process to develop these guidelines comes after recent Competition Tribunal and Competition Appeal Court decisions and the ongoing debate among stakeholders on how these issues should be assessed in merger investigations.

Written comments on the guidelines, and not the accompanying background information document, can be e-mailed to: [SeemaN@compcom.co.za](mailto:SeemaN@compcom.co.za). Alternatively, stakeholders can call 012 394 3203, for further enquires. Both these documents can be obtained from our website [www.compcom.co.za](http://www.compcom.co.za)

**The closing date for submitting comments is 23 February 2015.**

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