

[News story: Merger of receipt roll suppliers could raise competition concerns](#)

The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) has been investigating Iconex's proposed purchase of Schades and R+S, which are both owned by Hansol Paper and Mirae Asset Daewoo.

Iconex, Schades and R+S are three different manufacturers and suppliers of lightweight thermal paper rolls and labels in the UK. This type of paper roll is vital to many businesses and is used by shops, restaurants and banks for their receipts.

The CMA has today issued the decision from its initial Phase 1 merger investigation, which examined the merger's effects in the UK. This found that Iconex and Schades are two of the UK's largest receipt roll suppliers and compete very closely with each other. The merger could create insufficient competition in the supply of these products, leading to their customers potentially having less choice and paying higher prices, especially as there are very few large suppliers in the UK.

The European Commission (EC) has separately investigated the non-UK effects of the merger in the rest of the European Economic Area (EEA). The EC approved the merger on 13 May 2019. The EC observed that circumstances elsewhere in the EEA appeared to be different compared to the UK.

The businesses now have until 17 June to offer a solution to the CMA's concerns. If they are unable to address these, the merger will be referred for an in-depth Phase 2 investigation to be carried out by a group of independent CMA panel members.

Further details are available on the [Iconex LLC/ Hansol Denmark ApS and R+S Group GmbH](#) case page.

[Press release: Former BHS warehouse makes way for new HS2 station](#)

The images highlight the scale of the new mega-station, whose 400 metre platforms and concourse will be built adjacent to the existing station, doubling capacity and improving journeys for millions of people.

The former BHS warehouse was once the centre of the department store's London

distribution network, with the building providing office space above the warehouse, loading bays and basement.

Since the closure of the warehouse, the 5,000 square foot building had been temporarily occupied by UCL's Bartlett School of Architecture and used by HS2's contractors as office space.

The building, made up of 2 separate 3 and 5 storey concrete-framed structures, was demolished over 8 months, by a Costain and Skanska team (CSjv) and specialist subcontractors John F Hunt.

A top-down demolition technique was used, with machines lifted onto the top of the buildings and protective screening installed around the outside to limit noise and dust. During the work, more than 35,000 tonnes of concrete was crushed and reused on site. With the demolition complete, the team are now working to finish the clearance of the site, ready for handover to the station construction teams.

Across the UK, more than 9,000 jobs are now supported by HS2 both directly and in the supply chain, delivering essential early works, including demolition, utilities, ecological works and the project's pioneering archaeological programme.

HS2 Ltd's Programme Director, Matthew Botelle, said:

HS2 will transform Euston, delivering much-needed extra capacity, improving journeys and unlocking the opportunity for thousands of new jobs and homes.

This week's milestone is the latest evidence of the progress we are making across London. With our fascinating archaeological programme in full swing and more than two thirds of demolitions now complete, I'd like to thank all those involved in the project for their hard work and dedication.

CSjv's Programme Director, Peter Jones, said:

Costain and Skanska have successfully completed yet another major building demolition as part of our huge HS2 enabling works programme. With more than 1,500 people now at work across the capital, we are proud to be part of what will be, the UK's biggest infrastructure project.

Glen Clark, Managing Director of John F Hunt Ltd, said:

From the start, we recognised that the reinforced concrete frame construction coupled with the unusual 7 metre high floor to ceiling

heights positioned directly adjacent to the busy Hampstead Road thoroughfare, meant that the project offered the type of engineering challenges that we enjoy taking on.

I'm pleased to say that through an excellent and collaborative working arrangement with both the CSjv and our client teams, we collectively produced meticulously planned, innovative engineered solutions to the myriad of challenges presented and I'm proud to say that the scheme has been delivered on time, on budget and most importantly with everyone going home safely every night.

It has been an excellent scheme to work on and we thank both CSjv and our client for providing us with the opportunity to deliver on their behalf.

This week's milestone follows on from the demolition of the former Ibis hotel on Cardington Street, which was completed last month and the clearance of the nearby disused National Temperance Hospital buildings.

Across the capital, more than two thirds of demolitions have now been completed, with utility work and the creation of new wildlife habitats as part of HS2's 'green corridor' project, also well underway.

Once complete, the station, could, for the first time, include a new entrance facing north towards Camden Town and west towards Hampstead Road and the shops and restaurants of Drummond Street. In total, the arrival of HS2 will more than double the number of seats out of the station during peak hours.

[News story: Work of JFC personnel recognised in Queen's Birthday Honours](#)

Work of JFC personnel recognised in Queen's Birthday Honours – GOV.UK

Joint Forces Command personnel have been honoured by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for their contribution to UK defence, as part of her annual Birthday Honours.



The following individuals from Joint Forces Command have been recognised;

Companion of the Order of the Bath (CB)

- Air Vice-Marshal C J Luck MBE, Joint Services Command and Staff College

Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE)

- Group Captain H R C Cormack, Permanent Joint Headquarters
- Group Captain T A Griffiths OBE ARRC, Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre
- Mr J L Iremonger, Permanent Joint Headquarters
- Mr G N Lewitt, Joint Forces Command

Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE)

- Group Captain I D Chesworth, C4ISR Joint Forces Command
- Commander S R Drysdale, J3 Division, Permanent Joint Headquarters
- Lieutenant Colonel P S J Heppell, Defence Medical Services
- Lieutenant Colonel S N Meadowcroft BEM, Information Systems and Services

Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE)

- Captain G P Blezard, Joint Services Command and Staff College
- Commander A G Clarke, C4ISR Joint Forces Command
- Mrs J I Clarke, Joint Forces Command
- Dr F J Hall, Joint Forces Command
- Chief Petty Officer H G Heady, Joint Cyber Unit
- Squadron Leader R L McCartney, Permanent Joint Headquarters

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