

ANTICIPATED JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN VODAFONE GROUP PLC AND CK HUTCHISON HOLDINGS LIMITED CONCERNING VODAFONE LIMITED AND HUTCHISON 3G UK LIMITED

26 January 2024

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 96(2A) OF THE ENTERPRISE ACT 2002 PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 107(1)(I) OF THE ENTERPRISE ACT 2002

The Competition and Markets Authority (**CMA**) hereby gives notice pursuant to section 96(2A) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the **Act**) that the merger notice provided by Vodafone Group plc (**Vodafone**) and CK Hutchison Holdings Limited (**CK Hutchison**) in relation to the anticipated joint venture between Vodafone and CK Hutchison concerning Vodafone Limited and Hutchison 3G UK Limited (**the Merger**) meets the requirements of section 96(2) of the Act.

The initial period defined in section 34ZA(3) of the Act in relation to the Merger will therefore commence on the first working day after the date of this notice, ie on 29 January 2024. The deadline for the CMA to announce its decision whether to refer the Merger for a Phase 2 investigation is therefore 22 March 2024.