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MINISTRY OF TRADE, AGRIBUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
National Focal Point — ECOWAS Regional Competition Authority

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS — PROPOSED ACQUISITION NOTIFIED TO ERCA

Acquisition of Uniwax by Compagnie Ivoirienne de Coton (COIC)

1. The Proposed Transaction

The Ministry of Trade, Agribusiness and Industry (MOTAI), as the National Focal Point for ECOWAS competition matters in Ghana, notifies the public that the ECOWAS Regional Competition Authority (ERCA) has received a notification of a concentration operation under which Compagnie Ivoirienne de Coton ("COIC" or the "Acquirer") proposes to acquire a majority shareholding in the share capital of Uniwax (the "Target"), thereby conferring sole control over the Target. Following completion of the transaction, a portion of the share capital of the Target will remain publicly held through the Regional Stock Exchange (Bourse Régionale des Valeurs Mobilières — BRVM).

2. Parties to the Transaction

Acquirer — Compagnie Ivoirienne de Coton (COIC): a public limited company incorporated under the laws of Côte d'Ivoire, active in the cotton ginning sector and the marketing of cotton fibres. COIC operates upstream in the cotton-textile value chain, notably in the processing of seed cotton and the supply of agricultural inputs to producers. The Acquirer is part of a diversified group active in several sectors, including agro-industry, construction and public works, energy, financial services, and mining.

Target — Uniwax: an industrial company incorporated under the laws of Côte d'Ivoire, specialising in the production and marketing of African textiles, in particular printed wax fabrics. The Target operates primarily in Côte d'Ivoire and exports to several ECOWAS countries, including Ghana.

3. Legal Basis

The notification to ERCA and this publication are made pursuant to Supplementary Act A/SA.1/12/08 (Community Competition Rules, Article 3(f)); Regulation C/REG.23/12/21 (Rules of Procedure for Mergers and Acquisitions, Article 2(1)(a)); Regulation C/REG.24/12/21 (ERCA Rules of Procedure, Article 10(4)); Enabling Rules PC/REX.1/01/24 (thresholds); and Article 44(2)(a)(iv) of the ERCA Manual of Investigation and Notification Procedures.

4. Relevance to the Republic of Ghana

Ghana has been notified by ERCA as a concerned ECOWAS Member State in respect of the proposed transaction, in view of the activities of the parties within the Community market, including exports by the Target into Ghana. Comments from interested parties in Ghana on any aspect of the proposed transaction are accordingly invited.

5. Invitation for Comments and How to Submit

Businesses, competitors, suppliers, customers, workers' representatives, consumer associations, civil society organisations, and the general public are invited to submit written comments, supported where possible by documentation, data, or analysis. Comments may be submitted through any of the following channels:

- **MOTAI (National Focal Point):** by post or by hand to the Ministry of Trade, Agribusiness and Industry, [Postal address], Accra, Ghana (attention: National Focal Point on Competition Matters); by email to [focalpoint@motai.gov.gh]; or through the Business Consultations Portal at [URL]. Subject line: "Public Comment — COIC / Uniwax (Ref. MOTAI/IPD/CP/2026/02)."
- **ERCA (directly):** by post to ECOWAS Regional Competition Authority, Bertil Harding, Bijilo, The Gambia, P.O. Box 4470; or by email to registry@erca-arcc.org.

6. Deadline for Comments

Comments must be received not later than **13th June 2026**], being thirty (30) calendar days from the date of publication of this Notice. Late submissions may not be considered.

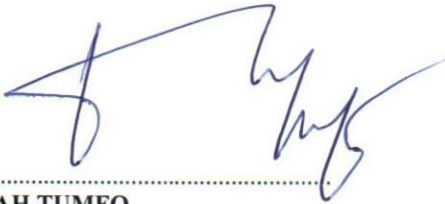
7. Confidentiality, Status of this Notice, and Contact

Respondents should indicate clearly any information they consider commercially sensitive or confidential, and are encouraged to provide a non-confidential version suitable for the public record. All submissions will be handled in accordance with applicable confidentiality and data protection rules.

This Notice is published solely to solicit comments and does not constitute approval, endorsement, or pre-judgment of the proposed transaction; the final decision rests with the ERCA Council.

Enquiries: <https://erca-arcc.org/competitor-perce...ton-company-icco/>

ISSUED THIS 13 DAY OF MAY, 2026.



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