



Alliance UniChem

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Merger update

The Boards of Boots Group PLC and Alliance UniChem Plc announce that the Office of Fair Trading has accepted undertakings to divest 96 pharmacies in lieu of a reference of the proposed merger between Boots and Alliance UniChem to the Competition Commission. Both Boards reaffirm their expectation that all outstanding preconditions and conditions will be satisfied to enable the merger to become effective on 31 July 2006.

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