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MONKHILL CONFECTIONERY ANNOUNCES PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF KERNELS SNACK PRODUCTS

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Monkhill Confectionery today announced the proposed acquisition of Kernels Snack Products from Harrington Consumer Products Ltd.

Kernels Snack Products produces popcorn for entertainment venues, including cinemas across the UK. Monkhill produces Butterkist, a pre-packed popcorn, as well as a wide range of confectionery.

The proposed acquisition brings together two complementary operations and a specialist cinema distribution service. It will also enable Monkhill to maximise business and technological efficiencies.

The transaction is subject to approval of the OFT.

Monkhill Confectionery is a division of Trebor Bassett Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Cadbury Schweppes plc.

Harrington Consumer Products Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of Harrington Food Group Ltd.

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