

## NATIONAL SECURITY AND INVESTMENT ACT 2021

## Publication of notice of final order

## Date: 20 July 2022

- 1. The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy ("the Secretary of State") has made a final order pursuant to section 26 of the National Security and Investment Act 2021 ("the Act"), which comes into force 16:30 20 July 2022.
- 2. The Parties who are subject to the order are:
  - i. The University of Manchester
  - ii. Beijing Infinite Vision Technology Company Ltd. ("the Acquirer")
- 3. The University of Manchester and the Acquirer have entered into a licence agreement that enables the Acquirer to use intellectual property relating to SCAMP-5 and SCAMP-7 vision sensing technology to develop, test and verify, manufacture, use, and sell licenced products.
- 4. This grant of a licence constitutes a trigger event under section 9(1) of the Act.
- 5. The order has the effect of preventing the acquisition of the intellectual property from proceeding.
- 6. The Secretary of State considers that:
  - i. the technology set out in the licence agreement has dual-use applications;
  - ii. there is potential that the technology could be used to build defence or technological capabilities which may present national security risk to the United Kingdom; and
  - iii. those risks would arise on the transfer of the intellectual property to the Acquirer.
- 7. The Secretary of State considers that the final order is necessary and proportionate to mitigate the risk to national security.