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***Case No COMP/M.6453 -
CARLYLE / DR.AXEL
PAEGER / QUADRIGA
CAPITAL IV / AMEOS***

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**REGULATION (EC) No 139/2004
MERGER PROCEDURE**

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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To the notifying parties:

Dear Madam(s) and/or Sir(s),

**Subject: Case No COMP/M. M.6453-CARLYLE / DR.AXEL PAEGER / QUADRIGA CAPITAL IV / AMEOS
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004¹**

1. On 16 February 2012, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which funds managed by The Carlyle Group ("Carlyle", US), Dr. Axel Paeger and companies affiliated with Quadriga Capital Europe IV GP Ltd. ("Quadriga Capital IV", Jersey) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of AMEOS Holding AG and AMEOS AG (together referred as "AMEOS", Switzerland) by way of purchase of shares.

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 ("the Merger Regulation"). With effect from 1 December 2009, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ("TFEU") has introduced certain changes, such as the replacement of "Community" by "Union" and "common market" by "internal market". The terminology of the TFEU will be used throughout this decision.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
- for Carlyle: alternative asset manager, especially managing pension funds' sponsored assets.
 - for Dr. Axel Paeger: co-founder and – since foundation – Chief Executive Officer of AMEOS.
 - for Quadriga Capital IV: investment vehicle sponsored by pension funds and other institutional investors.
 - for AMEOS: operators of acute general and acute psychiatric hospitals as well as long-term elderly care and long-term mental care facilities in Germany and in Austria².
3. After examination of the notification, the European Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of the Merger Regulation and of paragraph 5 (b) of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004³.
4. For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified procedure, the European Commission has decided not to oppose the notified operation and to declare it compatible with the internal market and with the EEA Agreement. This decision is adopted in application of Article 6(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation.

For the Commission
(signed)
Alexander ITALIANER
Director General

² Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 62, 1.03.2012, p.4

³ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.