

Case No COMP/M.7076 - APAX PARTNERS/ RHIAG

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

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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SIMPLIFIED MERGER
PROCEDURE

To the notifying party

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

**Subject: Case No COMP/M.7076 - APAX PARTNERS/ RHIAG
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No
139/2004¹**

1. On 25.10.2013, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertaking Apax Partners LLP ("Apax Partners", United Kingdom) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Rhiag-Inter Auto Parts Italia S.p.A. ("Rhiag", Italy) by way of purchase of shares².
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Apax Partners: active in investment management of and investment advisory services to private equity funds investing primarily in Europe in a range of industry sectors.
 - for Rhiag: active in the wholesale trade of motor vehicles spare parts in the aftermarket, mainly in Italy but also in the Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Switzerland and Ukraine.

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 Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 320, 06.11.2013, p.5

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

³ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.