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***Case No COMP/M.7500 - BAIN CAPITAL/ IBSTOCK GROUP***

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

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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 M.7500 - BAIN CAPITAL / IBSTOCK GROUP**  
**Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC)**  
**No 139/2004<sup>1</sup> and Article 57 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area<sup>2</sup>**

1. On 12 January 2015, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertaking Bain Capital Investors, LLC ('Bain Capital', United States) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Istock Group Limited and Glen-Gery Corporation, two entities that together form the Istock group ('Istock', United Kingdom), by way of purchase of shares.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p.3 ('the EEA Agreement').

<sup>3</sup> Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 17, 20.01.2015, p. 29.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for Bain Capital: private equity investments through its family of funds on a worldwide basis across multiple industries,
  - for Ibstock: manufacture and supply of clay and concrete products in the United Kingdom and the United States.
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 139/2004.<sup>4</sup>
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 and Article 57 of the EEA Agreement.

*For the Commission*  
*(Signed)*  
*Alexander ITALIANER*  
*Director-General*

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<sup>4</sup> OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.