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***Case M.8471 - BC
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SHAWBROOK***

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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:

**Subject: Case M.8471 - BC PARTNERS / PSC / SHAWBROOK
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC)
No 139/2004¹ and Article 57 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area²**

Dear Sir or Madam,

1. On 4 May 2017, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which funds managed by Pollen Street Capital Limited ('Pollen Street Capital', UK) and funds managed by BC Partners LLP ('BC Partners', UK) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Shawbrook Group plc ('Shawbrook' UK) by way of purchase of shares.³
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - **Pollen Street Capital:** a private equity firm focussed on investing in businesses in the financial services sector in Europe,
 - **BC Partners:** a private equity firm focusing on the European and North American markets,
 - **Shawbrook:** specialist UK lending and savings bank specialised in serving the small and medium sized enterprises and individuals in the UK through a range of lending and saving products.
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(c) of

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 OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3 (the 'EEA Agreement').

³ Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 148, 12.05.2017, p.5.

the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.⁴

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)

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Director-General

⁴ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.