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

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

**Subject: Case M.8979 – PAI PARTNERS / M GROUP SERVICES
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 20 June 2018, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertaking PAI Partners SAS ('PAI Partners', France), acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation (indirect) sole control of M Group Services (United Kingdom) by way of purchase of shares.³
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for PAI Partners: a private equity company that manages and/or advises a number of funds that own companies active in a variety of business sectors, such as business services, food and consumer goods, general industries, healthcare, and retail and distribution,
 - for M Group Services: a provider of various types of services to the regulated utilities, telecoms and transport sectors, including installation and maintenance of network infrastructure, metering and related data services, and the construction, maintenance and repair of road and railway infrastructure.
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

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 228, 29.6.2018, p. 36.

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.