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REGULATION (EC) No 139/2004 MERGER PROCEDURE

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MERGER PROCEDURE ARTICLE 6(1)(b) DECISION

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

To the notifying party:

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

Subject: Case No COMP/M.6121 - GEA DUTCH HOLDING B.V./ CFS HOLDINGS B.V.

Notification of 14.02.2011 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No $139/2004^1$

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1. On 14.02.2011, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertaking GEA Dutch Holding B.V ("GEA", The Netherlands) controlled by GEA Group AG (Germany) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking CFS Holdings B.V. ("CFS", The Netherlands) by way of purchase of shares.

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.

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for GEA: development and manufacturing of process technology and components, including machinery and equipment for the processing of food.
- for CFS: manufacturing of food processing equipment.
- 2. 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 the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.
- 3. 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