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Case No COMP/M.7067 - 3i/ SCANDFERRIES HOLDINGS

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

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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SIMPLIFIED MERGER
PROCEDURE

To the notifying party:

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

**Subject: Case No COMP/M.7067 - 3i/ SCANDFERRIES HOLDINGS
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No
139/2004¹**

1. On 18.10.2013, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertaking 3i Group plc ("3i Group", United Kingdom) and investment entities managed by 3i Investments plc (together "3i") acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Scandferries Holding GmbH ("Scandferries", Germany) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - 3i holds investments in various sectors of industry and services including business and financial services, consumer, healthcare, infrastructure and TMT. 3i Group is a leading international investor focusing on private equity, infrastructure and debt management that makes investments and provides management advice to, and manages investments on behalf of, investment funds. .
 - Scandferries is the top holding company of the Scandlines group, offering ferry services on three routes between Germany, Denmark and Sweden.².

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 312, 26/10/2013, p.23

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) and 5(d) 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.