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***Case No COMP/M.7312 - TOWERBROOK/ INDEPENDENT
CLINICAL SERVICES GROUP LIMITED***

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

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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SIMPLIFIED MERGER
PROCEDURE

To the notifying party:

Dear Madams,

Subject: Case M.7312 - TOWERBROOK/ INDEPENDENT CLINICAL SERVICES GROUP LIMITED
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004¹

1. On 10.06.2014, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertaking TowerBrook Investors Limited ("TowerBrook", Cayman Islands) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Independent Clinical Services Group Limited ("ICS", the United Kingdom) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - TowerBrook is the ultimate general partner of funds managed by TowerBrook Capital Partners L.P. which is a global private equity firm investing in large and middle market companies in Europe and in North America.

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.

- ICS provides health, life sciences and social care staffing and services to the healthcare sector in the United Kingdom.²
- 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 139/2004.³
- 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

² Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 187, 19.06.2014, p.4.

³ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.