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***Case No COMP/M.7325 - ICG/ KIRKBI/ MINIMAX VIKING  
GROUP***

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

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Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION

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SIMPLIFIED MERGER  
PROCEDURE

**To the notifying party:**

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

**Subject: Case M.7325 - ICG/ KIRKBI/ MINIMAX VIKING GROUP  
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC)  
No 139/2004<sup>1</sup>**

1. On 3 July 2014, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertakings Intermediate Capital Group plc ("ICG", United Kingdom) and KIRKBI A/S KG ("KIRKBI", Denmark), acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the undertaking Minimax Viking GmbH ("MVG", Germany), by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for ICG: active in the structuring and provision of mezzanine finance, leveraged credit and minority equity;
  - for KIRKBI: holding and investment company of the Kirk Kristiansen family;

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 222, 12.7.2014, p. 11.

- for MVG: active in the manufacture and supply of fire suppression and related detection and control systems as well as the integration of such systems for the industrial, energy and commercial sectors. Also active in the manufacture and supply of portable fire extinguishers and supplies and installs equipment for fire trucks.
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 the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.<sup>3</sup>
  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*

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<sup>3</sup> OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.