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***Case No COMP/M.7338 - OJI / INCJ / RANK GROUP
PULP, PAPER & PACKAGING BUSINESS***

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

**Subject: Case M.7338 – OJI / INCJ / RANK GROUP PULP, PAPER & PACKAGING BUSINESS
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004¹**

1. On 4 August 2014, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertakings Oji Holdings Corporation ("OJI", Japan) and Innovation Network Corporation of Japan ("INCJ", Japan) acquire within the meaning of the article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the Pulp, Paper & Packaging Business of Rank Group Limited ("PPP Business", New Zealand) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for OJI: manufacture of pulp and paper products,
 - for INCJ: public-private partnership providing financial (growth and risk capital), technological and management support for next-generation businesses,

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.

- for PPP Business: manufacture of pulp and paper products marketed primarily in New Zealand, Australia and Asia; logistics services and waste paper collection and processing.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 (a) 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 260, 9.8.2014, p. 12.

³ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.