Case No M.7658 PLATINUM EQUITY /
WFS GLOBAL
HOLDING

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REGULATION (EC) No 139/2004 MERGER PROCEDURE

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SIMPLIFIED MERGER PROCEDURE

To the notifying party:

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Case M.7658 – PLATINUM EQUITY / WFS GLOBAL HOLDING

Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004¹ and Article 57 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area²

- 1. On 12 June 2015, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertaking Platinum Equity, LLC ("Platinum", United States of America) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking WFS Global Holding ("WFS", France) by way of purchase of shares.³
- 2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Platinum: merger, acquisition and operation of companies providing services and solutions to customers in a broad range of businesses, including information technology, telecommunications, logistics, metal services, manufacturing and distribution,
 - for WFS: provision of airport cargo as well as ramp & passenger handling services in various airports within the EEA.

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 OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3 ("the EEA Agreement").

Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 206, 23.06.2015, p. 12.

- 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 139/2004.⁴
- 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 and Article 57 of the EEA Agreement.

For the Commission

Signed Alexander ITALIANER Director-General

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⁴ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.