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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  
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**To the notifying party:**

Dear Sirs,

**Subject: Case M.7793 - LONE STAR FUND IX / MRH  
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC)  
No 139/2004<sup>1</sup> and Article 57 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area<sup>2</sup>**

1. On 8 December 2015, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertaking Lone Star Fund IX (USA), belonging to the Lone Star group ("Lone Star" of the USA) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of the undertaking MRH (GB) Limited ("MRH" of the UK) by way of purchase of shares.<sup>3</sup>
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - Lone Star is a group of private equity funds that invests in real estate, equity, credit and other financial assets;
  - MRH owns and operates retail motor fuel service stations in the UK and Channel Islands.

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

<sup>3</sup> Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 418, 16.12.2015, p.17.

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.<sup>4</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 and Article 57 of the EEA Agreement.

*For the Commission*  
*(Signed)*  
*Johannes LAITENBERGER*  
*Director-General*

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<sup>4</sup> OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.