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***Case No COMP/M.7808 - BAIN CAPITAL INVESTORS /  
AUTODISTRIBUTION 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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## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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SIMPLIFIED MERGER  
PROCEDURE

### **To the notifying party:**

Dear Sirs,

**Subject: Case M.7808 - BAIN CAPITAL INVESTORS / AUTODISTRIBUTION GROUP  
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 21 October 2015, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which Bain Capital Investors, LLC of the United States of America ("Bain Capital") acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Autodis Group SAS of France ("Autodis") by way of purchase of shares.<sup>3</sup>
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - Bain Capital is a private equity investment firm that invests, through its family of funds, in companies across most industries, including information technology, healthcare, retail and consumer products, communications, financial and industrial/manufacturing.

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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 358, 30.10.2015, p. 7.

- Autodis is a distributor of aftermarket spare parts for light vehicles and trucks to the independent aftermarket segment in particular in France and Poland.
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>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.