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***Case M.7888 - APAX /
B&G / MANNAI / GFI
INFORMATIQUE***

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

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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SIMPLIFIED MERGER
PROCEDURE

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To the notifying parties:

Dear Sirs,

**Subject: Case M.7888 - APAX/B&G/MANNAI/GFI INFORMATIQUE
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 22 December 2015, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertakings Apax Partners S.A., Boussard & Gavaudan and Mannai Corporation QSC acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the undertaking GFI Informatique by way of purchase of shares.³
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Apax Partners S.A.: investment company specialising in financing for SMEs in France and abroad;
 - for Boussard & Gavaudan: management of funds;

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.

² OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3 ("the EEA Agreement").

³ Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 3, 7.1.2016, p.8.

- for Mannai Corporation QSC: provision of products and services to private sector companies in Qatar;
 - for GFI Informatique: provision of consulting, systems integration, outsourcing and software solutions.
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 139/2004.⁴
 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)
Johannes LAITENBERGER
Director-General

⁴ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.