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***Case M.7923 - LKQ  
CORPORATION /  
RHIAG 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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SIMPLIFIED MERGER  
PROCEDURE

**To the notifying party:**

*Dear Sirs,*

**Subject: Case M.7923 - LKQ CORPORATION / RHIAG 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 12 February 2016, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which LKQ Italia S.r.l. (Italy), controlled by LKQ Corporation ("LKQ", United States of America) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation<sup>3</sup> control of the whole of Rhiag Group ("Rhiag", Italy) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for LKQ : distribution of car parts, including replacement parts, components and systems used in the repair and maintenance of passenger and light commercial vehicles and to a limited extent for the heavy commercial vehicles, as well as specialty vehicle products and accessories;
  - for Rhiag : distribution of car parts used in the repair and maintenance of passenger and light commercial vehicles and heavy commercial vehicles.

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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 64 of 19-02-2016, p.8.

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.