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

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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To the notifying parties

Dear Sirs,

**Subject: Case M.8011 - SIA GROUP / AIRBUS GROUP / JV
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 8 June 2016, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertakings SIA Engineering Company Limited ('SIAEC', Singapore) belonging to the Singapore Airlines group and Airbus Services Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd. ('ASAP', Singapore) belonging to the Airbus group acquire within the meaning of Article 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of a newly created company constituting a joint venture (the 'JV', Singapore) by way of purchase of shares.³
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Singapore Airlines : the provision of air passenger and cargo transportation services as well as engineering services such as airframe maintenance and overhaul services, line maintenance, technical ground handling services, and fleet management programme. Singapore Airlines also provides other services to third parties, including training of pilots, air charters, and tour wholesaling.

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 221, 18.06.2016, p. 6.

- for Airbus : aeronautics, space and defense-related services.
 - for the JV: supply maintenance, repair and overhaul services (specifically, heavy maintenance and, indirectly, line maintenance) to commercial airlines with their principal place of business in the Asia-Pacific region and that are operating Airbus A350 XWB, A380 and A330 aircraft.
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(a) and (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)
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⁴ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.