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Case M.8039 - FREUDENBERG / VIBRACOUSTIC

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

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION

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SIMPLIFIED MERGER
PROCEDURE

To the notifying Party

Dear Sirs,

**Subject: Case M.8039 - FREUDENBERG / VIBRACOUSTIC
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 30 May 2016, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which Freudenberg & Co KG ("Freudenberg", Germany) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of Vibracoustic GmbH ("Vibracoustic", Germany) by way of purchase of shares.³
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - Freudenberg is active in seals and vibration control technology, nonwovens and filtration, household products and specialties and others. It mainly supplies intermediate products for further processing or for the manufacture of final goods.
 - Vibracoustic is active in the field of automotive vibration control technology. It supplies passenger vehicle manufacturers, commercial vehicle manufacturers and tier 1 suppliers with components that aim at the reduction of noise and vibrations.

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 199, 4.6.2016, p. 14.

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(d) 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.