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*Case M.8076 -  
WARBURG PINCUS /  
WENDEL / JV*

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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 parties:

Dear Sirs,

**Subject: Case M.8076 - WARBURG PINCUS / WENDEL / JV  
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 17 June 2016, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which Warburg Pincus LLC ("Warburg Pincus", USA) and Wendel SE ("Wendel", France), acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation, joint control over AlliedUniversal Security Services LLC ("AUSS", USA), by way of purchase of shares.<sup>3</sup>
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for Warburg Pincus: global private equity firm;
  - for Wendel: French investment firm;
  - for AUSS: will comprise Universal Services of America, a portfolio company held by affiliates of Warburg Pincus, and AlliedBarton Security Services, a portfolio company held by affiliates of Wendel. The new JV will be active in the provision of security services and facilities management in North America.
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)

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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 231, 25.06.2016, p. 21.

and 5(b) 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.