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SIMPLIFIED MERGER PROCEDURE

To the notifying parties:

Dear Sirs,

Subject:Case M.8105 – MARMEDSA / UECC / UECC IBERICA
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

- On 22 September 2016, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertakings Marítima del Mediterráneo, S.A.U. ("Marmedsa", of Spain) belonging to IIF Int'l Holding L.P, and United European Car Carriers Unipessoal, Lda ("UECC", of Portugal) belonging to United European Car Carriers, B.V, acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of the undertaking United European Car Carriers Ibérica, S.L.U. ("UECC Ibérica", of Spain) by way of purchase of shares.³
- 2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Marmedsa: provision of maritime, logistics and cargo terminal operations mainly in the Iberian Peninsula. Marmedsa operates together with its sister company Noatum Ports, S.L.U. under the Noatum brand;
 - for UECC: provision of short sea vehicle transportation of cars and light commercial vehicles within Europe;

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 357, 29.09.2016, p. 34.

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- for UECC Ibérica: management and operation of a Roll-On-Roll-Off terminal located in the port of Pasajes/Pasaia, Spain, for the handling of vehicles (mainly cars and light commercial vehicles) and general cargo.
- 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) 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.