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***Case M.8164 - STEINHOFF INTERNATIONAL / PIKOLIN
/ COFEL***

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

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

Dear Sirs,

**Subject: Case M.8164 – STEINHOFF INTERNATIONAL / PIKOLIN / COFEL
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 27 September 2016, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which the undertakings Steinhoff Möbel Holding GmbH belonging to the Steinhoff group ('Steinhoff', South Africa) and Pikolin S.L. ('Pikolin', Spain) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the undertaking Cofel S.A. ('Cofel', France), currently wholly-owned by Pikolin, by way of purchase of shares.³
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Steinhoff: manufacture and wholesale sale of furniture and retail sale of primarily furniture, home decoration and household goods, electrical appliances and electronic consumer goods and clothing, and provision of related services.
 - for Pikolin: manufacture, wholesale and retail sale of furniture, in particular bedroom furniture (e.g. mattresses, bedsteads and ancillary products).

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 365, 4.10.2016, p. 29.

- for Cofel: manufacture, wholesale and retail sale of furniture, in particular bedroom furniture (e.g. mattresses, bedsteads and ancillary products).
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 139/2004.⁴
 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.