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*Case M.8203 -  
BLACKSTONE / NEW  
MOUNTAIN / JDA  
SOFTWARE*

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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.8203 – BLACKSTONE / NEW MOUNTAIN / JDA SOFTWARE  
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 15 September 2016, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertakings The Blackstone Group, L.P. ('Blackstone', United States) and New Mountain Capital, L.L.C. ('New Mountain Capital', United States) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of the undertaking RedPrairie Holding, Inc. ('RedPrairie', United States), which owns JDA Software Group, Inc. ('JDA Software Group'), by way of purchase of shares.<sup>3</sup>
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - Blackstone: global alternative asset manager that controls the following providers of application software: RGIS; Ipreo; CMS Info Systems Ltd.; and Change Healthcare;
  - New Mountain Capital: private equity firm;
  - JDA Software Group: global provider of end-to-end, integrated retail, omnichannel, and supply chain planning and execution enterprise application software solutions.

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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 347, 22.9.2016, p. 36.

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.<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.