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***Case M.8226 -  
TOWERBROOK  
CAPITAL PARTNERS /  
VAN DIJK EDUCATIE  
BEHEER***

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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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**To the notifying party:**

**Subject: Case M.8226 - TOWERBROOK CAPITAL PARTNERS / VAN DIJK  
EDUCATIE BEHEER  
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>**

Dear Sir or Madam,

1. On 3 November 2016, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertaking TowerBrook Capital Partners L.P. ("TowerBrook", United States of America) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of the undertaking Van Dijk Educatie Beheer B.V. ("Van Dijk", the Netherlands) by way of purchase of shares.<sup>3</sup>
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - TowerBrook is a global private equity firm investing in healthcare products and services, financial services, consumer goods, telecommunications, media, chemicals, knowledge services and selected industrial segments;
  - Van Dijk sells and rents textbooks and other educational resources to secondary schools and to students in vocational, higher professional, and university education. It also sells professional and management books to government agencies and provides subscription agency services to government agencies and private undertakings.

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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 413, 10.11.2016, p. 11.

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.