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***Case M.8325 - KKR / HILDING ANDERS***

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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

Dear Sirs,

**Subject: Case M.8325 – KKR / HILDING ANDERS  
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 8 December 2016, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which the undertaking KKR & Co. L.P. ("KKR", United States) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Hilding Anders Holdings 3 AB ("Hilding Anders" Sweden) by way of purchase of shares.<sup>3</sup>
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for KKR: asset management on a global basis and offering of financial advisory services.
  - for Hilding Anders: development, manufacture and marketing of beds, mattresses and related 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(d) of

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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 467, 15.12.2016, p. 29.

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.