Case M.8375 - HIG CAPITAL / INFINIGATE

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REGULATION (EC) No 139/2004 MERGER PROCEDURE

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION

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To the notifying party:

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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

Dear Sir or Madam.

- 1. On 7 Februay 2017, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which H.I.G. Capital L.L.C. ("HIG Capital") (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 Infinigate Holding AG ("Infinigate") (Switzerland) by way of a purchase of shares.³
- 2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for HIG Capital: private equity and assets investment;
 - for Infinigate: holding company of the Infinigate Group, which is active as wholesale distributor of IT security products including firewalls, VPN gateways, intrusion detection and prevention systems, encryption, virus protection, e-mail and content security solutions.
- 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

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.

OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3 (the 'EEA Agreement').

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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

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⁴ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.