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***Case M.8411 - SAFRAN GROUP / CHINA EASTERN AIR
HOLDING / JV***

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

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

Subject: Case M.8411 - SAFRAN GROUP / CHINA EASTERN AIR HOLDING / JV 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 21 April 2017, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertakings Safran Landing Systems SAS of France, and China Eastern Airlines Co. Ltd of China acquire within the meaning of Article 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control over a newly created company constituting a joint venture by way of a purchase of shares.³
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Safran Landing Systems SAS: the manufacturing of aircraft landing gear and braking systems; Safran Landing Systems SAS belongs to Safran SA of France.
 - for China Eastern Airlines Co. Ltd: the provision of air transport services on international, domestic and regional routes; China Eastern Airlines Co. Ltd belongs to Chinese state-owned enterprise China Eastern Air Holding.
 - for the joint venture: the provision of single-aisle commercial aircraft landing gear maintenance, repair and overhaul services in China.
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(a) of

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 133, 27.04.2017, p. 8.

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.