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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:

**Subject: Case M.8563 - INTERVIAS / ESSO ITALIANA BUSINESS
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 03 July 2017, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertaking Intervias Group Ltd (UK) ('Intervias'), a holding company jointly controlled by TDR Equity LLP and two natural persons, acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of an Esso Italiana S.r.l. business unit comprising fuel stations in Italy ('Esso Italiana fuel stations business') by way of a purchase of assets.³
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - Intervias is the holding company of Euro Garages Ltd (Euro Garages) and European Forecourt Retail Group (EFR). Eurogarages and EFR are forecourt services operators, operating fuel stations, convenience stores, car washes, bakeries, restaurants, hotel activities and car rentals in Belgium, France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the UK,
 - Esso Italiana fuel stations business consists of 1 176 fuel stations all located in Italy.
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(b) 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 224, 13.07.2017 p. 20.

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.