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***Case M.8723 - AVIVA INVESTORS / ERAFP / PLACE DE
HALLES SHOPPING CENTRE***

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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.8723 – AVIVA INVESTORS / ERAFP / PLACE DES HALLES SHOPPING CENTRE
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 28 November 2017, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertakings Aviva Investors Luxembourg SA ('Aviva Investors', Luxembourg) and Établissement de retraite additionnelle de la fonction publique ('ERAFP', France) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control over the whole of Place des Halles shopping centre ('Place des Halles', France), by way of purchase of assets.³
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Aviva Investors: asset management company within the Aviva Investors asset management business, which forms part of the Aviva group, active in the provision of a broad range of insurance, savings and investment products across 16 countries,
 - for ERAFP: French state-supervised public sector administrative entity dedicated to the management of the civil servants public scheme,
 - for Place des Halles: shopping centre, with a lettable area of 39,269 m², situated in Place des Halles, Strasbourg (France).
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

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 416, 06.12.2017, p. 27.

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.