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***Case M.8930 - TUI / HOTELBEDS GROUP
DESTINATIONS SERVICES BUSINESS***

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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.8930 – TUI/Hotelbeds Group destinations services 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 23 May 2018, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertaking TUI AG ('TUI', Germany) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the destination management services business of the Hotelbeds Group ('HBG DM') by way of purchase of shares.³
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for TUI: integrated leisure tourism group operating in approximately 180 countries through its various subsidiaries,
 - for HBG DM: inbound services for destination management to customers engaged in the tourist sector, as well as meetings, incentives, conferences and events services.
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 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

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 185, 30.05.2018, p. 5.

⁴ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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