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***Case M.8939 - LIBERTY  
HOUSE GROUP /  
ALUMINIUM  
DUNKERQUE***

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

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Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION  
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### To the notifying party

**Subject: Case M.8939 — Liberty House Group/Aluminium Dunkerque  
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC)  
No 139/2004<sup>1</sup> and Article 57 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area<sup>2</sup>**

Dear Sir or Madam,

1. On 26 June 2018, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertaking Liberty Industries France ('LIF', France), indirectly controlled by Mr Sanjeev Gupta whose related business interests include the Liberty House Group ('LHG', UK) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Aluminium Dunkerque ('AD', France) by way of purchase of shares.<sup>3</sup>
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for Liberty Industries France / Liberty House Group: production, trading and recycling of steel and aluminium and manufacture value added engineering products worldwide,
  - for Aluminium Dunkerque: manufacture of primary aluminium in 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 the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3 (the 'EEA Agreement').

<sup>3</sup> Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 233, 4.7.2018, p. 21.

<sup>4</sup> OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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*