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*Case M.9160 -
CENTERBRIDGE /
HOSPITAL TOPCO*

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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.9160 – Centerbridge/Hospital Topco
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 29 October 2018, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation, by which Centerbridge Partners, L.P. ('Centerbridge', United States of America), acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Hospital Topco Limited ('Hospital Topco', United Kingdom), by way of purchase of shares.³
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Centerbridge: investment management firm focused on private equity and distressed investment opportunities,
 - for Hospital Topco: parent company of the healthcare group that carries out its operations under the BMI Healthcare brand, and the property interest holding companies.
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 the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.⁴

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 401, 07.11.2018, p. 12.

⁴ 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