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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.9347 – OEP / WP GROUP**  
**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 28 March 2019, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertaking OEP Capital Advisors, L.P. (“OEP”, United States of America) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control over the whole of the undertaking Powertrain Services UK Ltd and its subsidiaries and certain affiliates carrying on the Walterscheid Powertrain business (the “WP Group”, United Kingdom) by way of purchase of shares.<sup>3</sup>
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - OEP is a middle-market private equity firm focused on transformative combinations within the industrial, healthcare and technology sectors in North America and Europe;
  - The WP Group is a global supplier of off-highway powertrain products and services to the OEM/OES market as well as the international aftermarket.
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.<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 124, 3.4.2019, p. 5.

<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)*

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