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*Case M.9942 -
PARTNERS GROUP /
BRIDGEPOINT /
ROVENSA*

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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.9942 — Partners Group/Bridgepoint/Rovensa
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 August 2020, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which Partners Group AG ('Partners Group', Switzerland) and Bridgepoint Group Limited ('Bridgepoint', UK) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Rovensa S.A. ('Rovensa', Portugal) by way of purchase of shares.³
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Partners Group: Partners Group is a global private markets investment management company active in the areas of private equity, private real estate, private infrastructure and private debt,
 - for Bridgepoint: Bridgepoint is an international private equity group focused on investing in established European middle market businesses in a broad range of sectors, including consumer/retail, business services, industrials, financial services, healthcare, media and technology,
 - for Rovensa: Rovensa is a global provider of crop lifecycle management solutions. It operates in crop protection, bionutrition and biocontrol through several brands, such as Ascenza, Tradecorp or Idainature. Rovensa also offers additional services, namely technical advice.

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 300, 10.9.2020, p. 6.

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
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)
Olivier GUERSENT
Director-General

⁴ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.