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## Case M.9907 - EXCLUSIVE NETWORKS / VERACOMP BUSINESS

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

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## **PUBLIC VERSION**

To the notifying party

## Subject:Case M.9907 – EXCLUSIVE NETWORKS / VERACOMP BUSINESS<br/>Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation<br/>(EC) No 139/2004<sup>1</sup> and Article 57 of the Agreement on the European<br/>Economic Area<sup>2</sup>

Dear Sir or Madam,

- 1. On 4 November 2020, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which Exclusive Networks SAS ("Exclusive Networks", France) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control over certain assets and all subsidiaries currently owned by Veracomp SA to operate its business for the wholesale of IT products ("Veracomp Business", Poland), by way of purchase of assets.<sup>3</sup>
- 2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - Exclusive Networks: wholesale distribution of IT products dedicated to enterprise IT security and software defined data centres (SDDC), in various countries around the world.
  - Veracomp Business: wholesale distribution of a range of diverse IT products predominantly in the Central and Eastern Europe region (including Poland, Czechia, Slovakia, Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Montenegro, Albania, Kosovo, North Macedonia).

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 381, 12.11.2020, p. 31.

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- 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 6 of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.<sup>4</sup>
- 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

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