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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.10053 - ZOLLNER ELEKTRONIK / SYSKRON HOLDING / SAMHAMMER / TIKI
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004^{1,2} and Article 57 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area³

Dear Sir or Madam,

1. On 22 December 2020, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which Zollner Elektronik AG (“Zollner”, Germany), Syskron Holding GmbH (“Syskron”, Germany), belonging to Krones AG, and Samhammer AG (“Samhammer”, Germany) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control over the whole of Technologisches Institut für angewandte künstliche Intelligenz GmbH (“TIKI”, Germany), currently controlled by Syskron and Samhammer by way of purchase of shares.⁴
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Zollner: provider of a complete service from development and production to after-sales service and the trade of electronic components for electronic manufacturing services,
 - for Syskron: subsidiary of Krones AG, a manufacturer of systems and machines for the production, filling and packaging of beverages and liquid foods. In

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 For the purposes of this Decision, although the United Kingdom withdrew from the European Union as of 1 February 2020, according to Article 92 of the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community (OJ L 29, 31.1.2020, p. 7), the Commission continues to be competent to apply Union law as regards the United Kingdom for administrative procedures which were initiated before the end of the transition period.

³ OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3 (the ‘EEA Agreement’).

⁴ Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 5, 07.01.2021, p. 18.

addition, digitization and intralogistics solutions as well as aftersales services complete the product range of Krones group,

- for Samhammer: service provider with the business areas helpdesk services as well as branch and terminal services,
 - for TIKI: company active in the development of software in connection with procedural research and development services in the area of artificial intelligence.
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(a) of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.⁵
 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)
Olivier GUERSENT
Director-General

⁵ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.