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

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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Vesa Equity Investment S.à r.l
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**Subject: Case M.10667 – VESA / POSTNL
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 6 May 2022, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which Mr. Daniel Křetínský, a national of the Czech Republic, through Vesa Equity Investment S.à r.l. ('Vesa', Luxembourg) will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of PostNL N.V. ('PostNL', Netherlands) by way of purchase of shares.³
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:
 - Mr. Daniel Křetínský: holds interests in companies active in the energy, utilities, media, and e-commerce sectors. Vesa is an investment vehicle controlled by Mr. Daniel Křetínský,
 - PostNL: a public limited liability company listed on the Amsterdam Stock Exchange. PostNL's core business activities are to collect, sort and deliver mail, parcels and other goods in the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and the United Kingdom. It is the designated provider of the universal service obligation (USO) in the Netherlands.

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 199, 17.5.2022, p. 10.

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.