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REGULATION (EC) No 139/2004 MERGER PROCEDURE

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION

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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 30 August 2023, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation, by which Ardian France S.A. ('Ardian', France), controlled by the ultimate parent company of the Ardian Group, Ardian Holding S.A.S. (France), will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control over the whole of the undertaking Sabaton Ventures Holdco B.V. ('Attero', Netherlands), the ultimate parent company of the Attero Group, by way of purchase of shares.³
- 2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:
 - Ardian is a private equity investor and asset manager,
 - Attero is a waste management and waste treatment company. Its activities include generating energy from waste, recycling plastic, processing organic waste, valorisation of inert mineral waste, soil remediation, and debris recycling.
- 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(c) of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.⁴

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.

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

Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 317, 7.9.2023, p. 10.

⁴ 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) Olivier GUERSENT Director-General