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

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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**Subject: Case M.11292 – AUSTRALIANSUPER / DIGITALBRIDGE / PSP / VANTAGE EMEA
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 September 2023, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation, by which the undertakings AustralianSuper (Australia),³ DigitalBridge Group, Inc. (“DigitalBridge”, United States) and Public Sector Pension Investment Board (“PSP”, Canada), will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control over the whole of the undertaking Vantage Data Centers

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 AustralianSuper Pty Ltd (Australia) acts as a trustee for AustralianSuper.

Europe S.a.r.l. (“Vantage EMEA”, Luxembourg), currently jointly controlled by DigitalBridge and PSP, by way of purchase of shares.⁴

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:
 - AustralianSuper is an Australian industry public offer superannuation and pension fund and is responsible for its operation and management,
 - DigitalBridge is an investment firm that invests either directly or through its managed funds in areas of digital infrastructure,
 - PSP is a corporation that invests contributions received from pension plans of Canadian Federal Public Service, Canadian Forces, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Reserve Force,
 - Vantage EMEA indirectly owns and manages a portfolio of 23 data center campuses where it offers colocation services (*e.g.*, the provision of space, network, physical security, etc.) for third party servers and other computing hardware stored by third parties in the data centre.
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 139/2004.⁵
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
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⁴ Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C/2023/171, 10.10.2023.

⁵ OJ C 160, 5.5.2023, p. 1 (the “Notice on a simplified procedure”).