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Subject: **Case M.10327 – ELEXENT / GP JOULE CONNECT / ELEXENT DACH JV**
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004[1] and Article 57 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area[2]

Dear Sir or Madam,

1. On 8 June 2021, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which Elexent Holding SAS (France, "Elexent"), belonging to the Renault Group and GP JOULE Connect GmbH (Germany, "Connect"), jointly controlled by GP JOULE GmbH, Reußenköge (Germany) and Minol Brunata GmbH (Germany), acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Elexent Dach GmbH ("the JV") by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.[3]

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

   – for Elexent: supports clients in creating optimized energy strategies by designing the best charging infrastructure to meet their needs, supervising installation and

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 231, 16.6.2021, p. 9.

implementation, and overseeing operations and maintenance. Elexent is part of the global automotive manufacturer Renault Group,

– for Connect: active in new mobility projects. Connect plans and implements projects around the core products consulting, charging infrastructure, sharing/pooling and charging and energy management for the housing industry, fleets, energy providers, automotive and infrastructure operators. Connect belongs (i) to the GP JOULE Group which is focused on the renewable energy sector and (ii) to the Minol Group which is predominantly active in metering services, billing services, and IoT, e-mobility, and sharing solutions,

– for the JV: The JV is intended to offer tailored and ready to use solutions to professional customers of different partner OEMs in terms of charging of electric vehicles (including analysis/project review, operations, support financing, installation, maintenance and charging optimization). In addition, the JV will provide customers with advice regarding electric mobility. The JV will be active in Germany and it is envisaged that the JV will develop activities in Austria and/or Switzerland.

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) and 5(c) 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.