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To the notifying parties

Subject: **Case M.9900 – ZF CHINA / WOLONG / WOLONG ZF AUTOMOTIVE ELECTRIC MOTORS 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 28 August 2020, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertakings ZF China Investment Co., Ltd. ("ZF China", People's Republic of China), a subsidiary of ZF Friedrichshafen AG ("ZF", Germany, together with its affiliates "ZF Group") and Wolong Electric Group Co., Ltd. ("Wolong", People's Republic of China), a subsidiary of Wolong Holding Group Co., Ltd. ("Wolong Holding", together with its affiliates "Wolong Group") acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control over the whole of the undertaking Wolong ZF Automotive Electric Motors Co., Ltd., ("Wolong ZF Automotive Electric Motors", People's Republic of China), a newly created company by way of purchase of shares.[3]

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

   – for ZF: ZF is a global supplier of products for passenger vehicles, commercial vehicles, and industrial technology. Products include in particular gearboxes, steering, axles, clutches, dampers, chassis components and systems, active and passive safety technology for automotive applications and other associated components,

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 298, 8.9.2020, p. 6.

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– for Wolong: Wolong is a motor and drive manufacturer. The products of Wolong, inter alia, include various (electric) motors and controlling systems, photovoltaic power stations, UPS batteries and construction machinery,

Wolong ZF Automotive Electric Motors will be active in the development, design, manufacturie and sale of electric motors and related services thereto for automotive markets worldwide.

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.[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)
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Director-General

4 OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.