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To the notifying party

Subject: **Case M.10145 – AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL PARTNERS / PERSONAL CARE BUSINESS OF DOMTAR**
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 12 January 2021, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertaking AIPCF VII Global Corp Holding LP, an investment fund managed by American Industrial Partners ("AIP", USA), acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control over the personal care business of Domtar Corporation ("Personal Care Business of Domtar", USA) by way of purchase of securities.[3]

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

   – for AIP: a middle market private equity firm that is focused on buying and improving industrial businesses headquartered in North America,

   – for Personal Care Business of Domtar: a manufacturer of absorbent hygiene products including adult incontinence products (e.g., protective underwear, briefs, bladder control pads and underpads) and hygiene products for infants (e.g., diapers).

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

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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 020, 19.1.2021, p. 9.

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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)
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Director-General

4 OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.