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To the notifying party

Subject: **Case M.10000 – PreZero International/SUEZ Nordic**
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 22 October 2020, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which PreZero International GmbH ('PreZero', Germany), belonging to the Schwarz Group (Germany), acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of SUEZ Nordic AB ('SUEZ Nordic', Sweden), belonging to the SUEZ Group (France) by way of purchase of shares.[3]

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

   – PreZero provides waste disposal and recycling services, and is active in Austria, Belgium, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland and the United States while the Schwarz Group is also active in the retail sale of consumer goods in Sweden, through its retail chains Lidl and Kaufland,

   – SUEZ Nordic comprises the waste management operations of the SUEZ Group in Sweden, and is active in the collection, pre-treatment, sorting, recycling, disposal of waste and trading of waste and commodities.

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 366, 30.10.2020, p. 53.

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paragraph 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)
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Director-General

4 OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.