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AGROFERT, a.s.
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Chodov, 149 00 Prague 4,
Czechia

Subject: **Case M.11448 – AGROFERT / EAST GRAIN GROUP**
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 April 2024, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which Agrofert, a.s. ('Agrofert', Czechia) acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1), point (b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of East Grain SRL, ('East Grain', Romania). The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares. ([3])

(2) The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

– Agrofert is engaged in activities relating to agriculture, food production, sale and distribution of agricultural machinery, manufacture of fertilizers and products of organic and inorganic chemistry, as well as activities relating to the forestry industry and media,

– East Grain offers a complex portfolio of agricultural products and related services to customers in Central and Eastern Europe, with a focus on the trade of milling wheat.

(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(d) of the Commission Notice on a simplified treatment for certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. ([4])

([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]) OJ C, C/2024/2887, 24.4.2024.
([4]) OJ C 160, 5.5.2023, p. 1 (the 'Notice on a simplified treatment').

(4) For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified treatment, 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