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Subject: **Case M.10379 — HDT Automotive Solutions/Veritas**
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 17 September 2021, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertaking HDT Automotive Solutions LLC ("HDT", USA), controlled by ARDIAN Holding S.A.S. ("ARDIAN", France) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control over the whole of the undertaking "Veritas Group", comprised of Veritas Aktiengesellschaft, Veritas Sachsen GmbH, Veritas Thüringen GmbH, (all from Germany), and Veritas Austria GmbH (Austria), Veritas Dunakiliti Kft. (Hungary), Veritas Automotive d.o.o. (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Veritas Otomotiv Sanayi Ltd. Sti. (Turkey), Veritas Automotive Systems (Kunshan) Co., Ltd., (China), Automotive Veritas de México S.A. de C.V., (Mexico), Veritas Servicios S.A. de C.V., (Mexico) by way of purchase of assets and shares.[3]

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

   – for HDT: Manufacture and supply of valve body devices, precision tubula assemblies and die casting products for the automotive industry to OEMs and Tier 1 suppliers,

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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 392, 28.9.2021, p. 6.

– for Veritas Group: Supply of fluid technology, including fuel systems, emission systems, air cooling and fluid cooling; and polymer based components, including sealing & damping or other polymer solutions, to OEMs.

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(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.