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To the notifying parties

Subject: **Case M.9913 – HELLA / MINTH / 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 Hella Holding International GmbH ("Hella", Germany), ultimately controlled by Hella GmbH & Co. KGaA and Minth Investment Co. ("Minth", China), ultimately controlled by Minth Group Limited acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control over the whole of the undertaking Hella Minth Jiaxing Automotive Parts Co. Ltd ("JV", China) by way of purchase of shares.[3]

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Hella: active in the area of automotive parts, in particular lighting and electronic products and trade thereof,

— for Minth: primarily engaged in the design, manufacturing and sale of trims, decorative parts, body structural parts and other related auto parts,

— for JV: shall be active in the area of automotive parts, more specifically in the area of radomes, covers for 'front looking radars', or radar sensors in the front of a vehicle.

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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 298, 8.9.2020, p. 4. and No C 301, 11.9.2020.

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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.