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Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA
Avenue Marnix 24
1000 Brussels
Belgique

Subject: **Case M.10775 – GBL / AFFIDEA**
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 2 June 2022, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA ('GBL', Belgium) will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control over the whole of Affidea Group B.V. ('Affidea', Netherlands) by way of purchase of shares.[3]

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

   – GBL is a listed public investment holding company and invests in global companies operating in various sectors, such as real estate and IT Services,

   – Affidea is a European diagnostic imaging company, with 320 centres operating across 15 countries including Italy, Poland, Portugal and Romania.

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

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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 226, 10.6.2022, p. 6.

4 OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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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