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Subject: **Case M.12329 - ABERDEEN / DIGITAL BRIDGE GROUP / EQUANS 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 27 January 2026, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation, by which, abrdn Investments Limited ('Aberdeen') controlled by Aberdeen Group plc ('Aberdeen Group') both of the United Kingdom, and DigitalBridge Acquisitions LLC controlled by DigitalGroup Inc ('DigitalBridge') both of the United States intend to acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation, joint control of EQUANS Infra & Mobility B.V ('EQUANS IM') controlled by EQUANS S.A.S., both of the Netherlands. The transaction is to be accomplished by way of purchase of shares.([3])

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

– Aberdeen Group offers active asset management to institutional, wholesale and strategic insurance clients, along with wealth management, financial

([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/2026/769, 3.2.2026.

planning and advice services either directly to customers or through financial advisors. It is publicly listed on the London Stock Exchange,

– DigitalBridge manages infrastructure assets and invests in companies. Its investment focus spans digital infrastructure, including data centers, fiber networks, towers, and related connectivity assets, as well as transportation, clean mobility, and energy-transition infrastructure,

– EQUANS IM is a charge point operator, which owns and operates (mostly public) EV charging infrastructure exclusively in the Netherlands.

(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 treatment for certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. ([4])

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