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To the notifying parties

Subject: **Case M.9187 - AUTOLAUNCH / BEIJING ELECTRIC VEHICLE CO / JVs**
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 23 November 2018, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which Autolaunch Ltd ('Autolaunch') (Ireland), controlled by Magna International Inc. ('Magna') and Beijing Electric Vehicle Co., Ltd ('BJEV') (China) belonging to the Beijing Automotive Group Co., Ltd ('BAIC Group') acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation, joint control of Magna Blue Sky NEV Technology (Zhenjiang) Co., Ltd ('Tech-JV') and Blue Sky NEV Manufacturing Co., Ltd ('CM-JV').[3] The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

   – Autolaunch is active in the production of tooling and related services. It is a 100 % owned subsidiary of Cosma Tooling Ireland Unlimited which is directly held by Magna, a global automotive supplier.

   – BJEV is mainly active in the fields of vehicle system integration and matching, production and development of vehicle control systems, electric drive systems and pure electric passenger systems. BJEV is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BAIC Group.

   – Tech-JV will be active in providing engineering services for blade electric passenger vehicles and CM-JV will be active in manufacturing and supplying blade electric passenger vehicles in China.

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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 441, 07.12.2018, p. 31.

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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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4 OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.