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Subject: **Case M.12101 – AURELIUS / EXERTIS UK / EXERTIS IRELAND**
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 29 August 2025, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation, by which AURELIUS Investment Lux One S.à.r.l. ('AURELIUS', Luxembourg), belonging to the Aurelius group (Luxembourg), will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control over the whole of Exertis (UK) Ltd ('Exertis UK', UK) and Exertis Ireland Holdings Unlimited Company ('Exertis Ireland', Ireland) both ultimately controlled by DCC plc. (Ireland), by way of purchase of shares. ([3])

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

– AURELIUS is a private equity investment company and an asset manager holding various portfolio companies active in industry, chemistry, retail, business services, media and IT, and airline catering. Aurelius Group is active worldwide,

– Exertis UK and Exertis Ireland distribute technology products and provide value-add services serving a broad range of blue-chip technology vendors and a diverse customer base across Europe and, to a minor extent in Asia, the Americas, Africa and Oceania.

([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/2025/5043, 16.09.2025.

(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 (d) 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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Director-General (acting)
Directorate-General for Competition

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