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Subject: **Case M.10849 – HUK / BRI / LNN / PITSTOP**
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 4 August 2022, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation, by which HUK-Coburg Haftpflicht-Unterstützungs-Kasse kraftfahrender Beamter Deutschlands a.G. ("HUK", Germany), Bridgestone Europe NV/AS ("BRI", Belgium), the European subsidiary of Bridgestone Corporation ("Bridgestone", Japan) and LNN Flug GmbH ("LNN", Germany), solely owned by Mr. Stefan Kulas, will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of pitstop.de GmbH ("pitstop", Germany) by way of purchase of shares.[3]

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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 307, 12.8.2022, p. 13.

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

   – HUK is an insurance company with a focus on motor vehicle insurance,

   – LNN is active in airplane charter,

   – BRI mainly supplies new tyres to automotive manufacturers and tyre retailers. Additionally, subsidiaries of BRI are active in the area of repair and maintenance of automotive vehicles in Europe,

   – pitstop offers typical workshop services in the field of motor vehicle services such as inspections, maintenance and repairs of all kinds.

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 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)
Olivier GUERSENT
Director-General

4 OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.