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Germany

Subject: **Case M.10472 – DEUTSCHE POST DHL GROUP / JF HILLEBRAND GROUP**
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 22 December 2021, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which Deutsche Post AG, trading as Deutsche Post DHL Group ('DPDHL', Germany), acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control over the whole of JF Hillebrand Group AG and its direct and indirect subsidiaries ('Hillebrand', Germany), by way of purchase of shares.[3]

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

   – for DPDHL: active in logistics, including national and international parcel delivery, international express, freight forwarding and transportation, e-commerce and supply chain management services. It is also active in postal service in Germany,

   – for Hillebrand: Hillebrand is active in freight forwarding, including air, ocean and land freight forwarding services including ancillary services and contract logistics services for non-hazardous liquids. Hillebrand also produces flexitanks used for bulk liquids transportation in containers.

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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 9, 10.1.2022, p. 4.

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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 paragraphs 5(c) and 6 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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Director-General

4 OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.