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Subject: **Case M.12036 – PLATINUM EQUITY GROUP / SOLO 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 23 June 2025, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which Platinum Equity Group, ultimately controlled by Platinum Equity, LLC ('Platinum Equity Group', United States) will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control over Solo Invest SAS, the holding company of Solo Group ('Solo Group', France), ultimately controlled by Akiba Holding. The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares. ([3])

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

– Platinum Equity Group is globally active in private equity and investment strategies, on behalf of institutional investors, in a broad range of businesses including information technology, telecommunications, logistics, metal services, manufacturing and distribution,

– Solo Group is active in the wholesale supply of customisable clothing and hardware goods to resellers, distributors and printing specialists.

(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

([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/2025/3684, 7.7.2025.

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)
Olivier GUERSENT
Director-General
Directorate-General for Competition

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