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Subject: **Case M.12134 – SOFON / STEML / MRO JV**
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 18 September 2025, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation, by which Sofon Industries Company ('Sofon', Saudi Arabia), controlled by Saudi Arabian Oil Company, and ST Engineering Marine Ltd ('STEML', Singapore), controlled by Temasek Holdings (Private) Limited, will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of Sofon MRO Company ('MRO JV', Saudi Arabia). The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture. ([3])

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

– Sofon is active in Saudi Arabia's naval and marine defence industry,

– STEML is active in the design, construction, repair, and conversion of naval and commercial vessels.

([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/2025/5369, 3.10.2025.

(3) The business activities of the undertaking MRO JV will be the provision of maintenance, repair and overhaul services for commercial vessels in the Dammam and Jeddah shipyards in Saudi Arabia.

(4) 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 treatment for certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. ([4])

(5) 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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([4]) OJ C 160, 5.5.2023, p. 1 (the 'Notice on a simplified treatment').