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To the notifying parties

Subject: **Case M.9620 – BRIDGEPOINT / VERMAAT**
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 14 November 2019, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which Bridgepoint Group Limited ("Bridgepoint", United Kingdom) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control over Dutch Delight (Luxembourg) S.à.r.l. (Luxembourg) and its subsidiaries including Vermaat Groep B.V. (the Netherlands) (collectively referred to as "Vermaat") by way of purchase of shares.[3]

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

   – for Bridgepoint: invesment in established European middle market businesses in a broad range of sectors, including consumer/retail, business services, industrials, financial services, healthcare, media and technology.

   – for Vermaat provides outsourced catering services to a variety of markets including corporates, leisure, hospitals and travel hubs. It offers services in over 350 food and beverage outlets, including restaurants, cafés, cafeterias, canteens and convenience stores in the Netherlands and to a lesser extent in Germany and Belgium.

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

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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 (the '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 394, 21.11.2019, p. 10.

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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)
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4 OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.