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To the notifying parties

Subject: **Case M.8921 – ONEX / VISTA / SEVERIN TOPCO**
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 May 2018, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which Onex Corporation ('Onex', Canada) and Vista Private Equity ('Vista', United States) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control over the whole of the undertaking Severin Topco LLC ('Severin Topco', United States) by way of purchase of shares.[3]

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

   – for Onex : a Canadian-based corporation listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange that invests in companies through a number of private equity funds.

   – for Vista : an investment firm based in the United States.

   – for Severin Topco : a provider of application software and talent management software for school systems under the names PowerSchool and PeopleAdmin.

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 (b) 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 ('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 173, 22.05.2018, p. 20.

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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.