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To the notifying parties

Subject: **Case M.9302 – CARLYLE / TA ASSOCIATES / WEIMAN**
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 February 2019, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which Carlyle U.S. Equity Opportunity Fund II, L.P., belonging to the Carlyle Group, L.P. ('Carlyle', United States of America) and TA Associates L.P. ('TA Associates', United States of America) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of Wu Holdco, Inc., the holding company of Weiman group, ('Weiman Group', United States of America). The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.[3]

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

   – Carlyle is an alternative asset manager, which manages funds that invest globally across four investment disciplines: Corporate Private Equity (buyout and growth capital); Real Assets (real estate, infrastructure and energy and renewable resources); Global Credit (leveraged loans and structured credit, opportunistic credit, energy credit, private credit and distressed credit); and Solutions (private equity fund of funds program and related co-investment and secondary activities).

   – TA Associates is active in the fields of private equity investments through various funds in five core sectors, namely technology, financial services, healthcare, consumer, and business services industries in North America, Europe and Asia.

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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 83, 5.3.2019, p. 13.

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– Weiman Group is a manufacturer and distributor of surface cleaning products both for households and for commercial clients in food and health care services.

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(a) 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.