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Subject: **Case M.11710 – OEP / E WINKEMANN**
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 8 November 2024 and following a referral pursuant to Article 4(5) of the Merger Regulation, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation, by which, OEP Capital Advisors, L.P. ('OEP', United States) intends to acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation, sole control over the whole of the undertaking E. Winkemann GmbH ('E. Winkemann', Germany). ([3]) The concentration is to be accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

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

— OEP is a middle-market private equity firm focused on transformative combinations within the industrial, healthcare and technology sectors in North America and Europe. OEP is active in the sector of steel components through its subsidiaries Associated Springs (a manufacturer of custom engineered components designed for a range of industrial, medical, aerospace and defence, and automotive applications) and Heinz Hänggi (active in stamped and formed parts, precision stamping, microstamping, and the assembly of units sector),

— E. Winkemann is a manufacturer of precision stamped metal products primarily for the automotive industry. The company's core products include components for automotive powertrains, such as gearbox, axel gear, engine technology, chassis and e-mobility solutions. E. Winkemann is headquartered

([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/2024/6998, 19.11.2024.

in Plettenberg, Germany and in 2019 it opened a manufacturing facility in Kunshan, China.

(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(d) 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

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