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SHV Holdings N.V.
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Netherlands

Subject: **Case M.10403 – SHV / ACTA**
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 9 August 2021, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertaking SHV Holdings N.V. ("SHV", Netherlands) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of ACTA* Holding B.V. ("ACTA", Netherlands), which it currently jointly controls, by way of purchase of shares.[3]

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

   – for SHV: investment company active globally in a wide range of industries,

   – for ACTA: the parent holding company of Kiwa NV, an international quality accreditation organization that specializes in testing, inspection and certification services.

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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 330, 17.8.2021, p. 6.

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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 paragraphs 5(b) and (d) 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)
Olivier GUERSENT
Director-General

4 OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.