Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10145 — American Industrial Partners/Personal Care Business of Domtar)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 12 January 2021, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]).

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

— AIPCF VII Global Corp Holding LP, an investment fund managed by American Industrial Partners ('AIP', USA),

— The personal care business of Domtar Corporation ('Personal Care Business of Domtar', USA).

AIP acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of the Personal Care Business of Domtar.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of securities.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for AIP: a middle market private equity firm that is focused on buying and improving industrial businesses headquartered in North America,

— for Personal Care Business of Domtar: a manufacturer of absorbent hygiene products including adult incontinence products (e.g., protective underwear, briefs, bladder control pads and underpads) and hygiene products for infants (e.g., diapers).

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([2]) it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation to the Commission.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. The following reference should always be specified:

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Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, or by post. Please use the contact details below:

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([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').
([2]) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.