Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8545 — Bain Capital Investors/REIFF Tyre)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2017/C 251/06)

1. On 25 July 2017 the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 [1] by which the undertaking Bain Capital Investors, L.L.C. ('Bain Capital' of the USA) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control over the tyre business of the Reiff group ('Reiff' of Germany) by way of purchase of shares and assets.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Bain Capital: private equity investment firm active across most industries,

— for REIFF: distributor of replacement tyres on the wholesale and retail level predominantly in Germany. It also supplies wheel rims, complete wheels and ancillary services and operates a truck tyre re-treading business.

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 this 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. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (+32 22964301), by email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference M.8545 — Bain Capital Investors/REIFF Tyre, to the following address:

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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.