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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10158 — IHS Markit/CME Group/JV)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 244/11)

1. On 15 June 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:

— IHS Markit Ltd, ('IHSM', United Kingdom)

— CME Group ('CME', United States of America)

— Parthenon Ltd ('Parthenon', Bermuda)

IHSM and CME acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Parthenon, a newly created joint venture company.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for IHSM: international provider of information, analytics, expertise, and solutions to major industries, financial markets, and governments globally. IHSM provides pricing and reference data, financial indices, security identifiers, valuation and trading services, and data feeds/data management solutions,

— for CME: US based global risk management firm. CME owns and operates several exchanges (Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT), New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) and the Commodity Exchange (COMEX)) and provides other trading and clearing services across a range of asset classes, including commodities, equity indices, FX, IRDs and cryptocurrencies,

— for Parthenon: trade processing and trade/portfolio optimization services in a number of asset classes, namely IHSM's OTC derivatives and FX trade processing business (known as MarkitSERV) and CME's OTC derivatives optimization businesses (Traiana, TriOptima and Reset).

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.

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

[1] OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').

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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