PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10010 — Investindustrial Group/CSM Ingredients)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 18 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:

— Global Food Solutions S.àr.l. (Luxembourg), ultimately controlled by Investindustrial S.A. ('Investindustrial', Luxembourg);

— CSM Ingredients (the United Kingdom), ultimately controlled by Rhône Capital L.L.C. (USA);

Global Food Solutions acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of part(s) of CSM Ingredients.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Investindustrial: investments in medium-sized companies based in Europe, including Italy, Portugal, Spain, and the United Kingdom, focusing on three main investment areas: consumer and leisure, healthcare and services, and industrial manufacturing;

— CSM Ingredients: manufacturing and distribution of semi-finished bakery, dairy and ice-cream ingredients, mainly to the artisanal traditional trade (pastry and bakery shops) and industrial channels;

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

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