PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8678 — ABB/General Electric Industrial Solutions)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2018/C 151/09)

1. On 20 April 2018, 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:

— ABB Ltd ('ABB', Switzerland),

— General Electric Industrial Solutions ('GEIS', USA), belonging to the General Electric Company ('GE', USA).

ABB acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation, sole control over the whole of GEIS.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— ABB is active in power and automation technologies and serves customers in utilities, industry, and transport and infrastructure globally,

— GEIS is a business division of GE active in the design, manufacture and sale of low and medium voltage electrical products and solutions for industrial, commercial and residential applications.

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.

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').