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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10471 – SUEZ / SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC / JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 505/03)

1. On 6 December 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:

— Suez Groupe SAS ('Suez') (France),

— Schneider Electric Industries SAS ('Schneider Electric') (France),

— Joint Venture ('JV') (France)

Suez and Schneider Electric acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the JV.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Suez: the provision of water management, recycling and wastewater recovery for public and industrial customers, in the collection, sorting, recycling, disposal and treatment of non-hazardous and hazardous waste and urban development services,

— for Schneider Electric: the provision of energy management and automation solutions for homes, buildings, data centres, infrastructures and industries,

— for the JV: the design, development and commercialisation of water management software for the water and wastewater treatment facilities of municipal operators and industrial clients worldwide.

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 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.

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

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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