PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8738 — Rhône-Zodiac/Fluidra)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2018/C 173/08)

1. On 3 May 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:

— Piscine Luxembourg Holding 2 S.á.r.l., ('Zodiac') the entity (indirectly) controlling Zodiac Pool Solutions S.á.r.l. Zodiac is (indirectly) controlled by Rhône Capital L.L.C. ('Rhône'),

— Fluidra S.A. ('Fluidra'), controlled by a group of natural persons forming part of the founding families of Fluidra ('Fluidra Founding Families')

Rhône and the Fluidra Funding Families acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Zodiac and Fluidra.

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 Rhône-Zodiac: manufacture of swimming pool equipment,

— for Fluidra: manufacture of swimming pool equipment.

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').