Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8568 — Total/Atos/InTouch Corp/InTouch SAS)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2017/C 247/04)

1. On 20 July 2017, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]) by which the undertakings Total Outre-Mer S.A. ('TOM', France) belonging to the Total group, Worldline S.A. ('Worldline', France) belonging to the Atos group (France) and InTouch Corp (Mauritius) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the undertaking InTouch SAS (France) and its subsidiaries by way of a purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Total Outre-Mer: Total Marketing Services' activities in Africa; the Total group is active worldwide in the exploration, production, transport, storage and sale of oil and natural gas; the group is also present in the sectors of refining petroleum products and the retail and wholesale sale of refined products; the group is developing its activities in the field of renewables both by producing solar panels and by generating energy from renewable energy sources,

— Worldline: a subsidiary of the Atos group, active in the payments and transaction services sector, including merchant acquiring, acquiring processing, online banking, issuing processing and payment software licensing, provision of point of sale terminals and related services, mainly in the EEA,

— InTouch Corp: specialised in payment aggregation and digital services via mobile platforms in Mauritania, Senegal, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya and Cameroon, and

— InTouch SAS: payment aggregation solutions in Africa and certain countries of the Middle East.

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 this 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. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (+32 22964301), by email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference M.8568 — Total/Atos/InTouch Corp/InTouch SAS, to the following address:

European Commission
Directorate-General for Competition
Merger Registry
1049 Bruxelles/Brussel
BELGIQUE/BELGIË

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