Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8952 — STEAG/Siemens/JV STEAG GuD)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2018/C 315/13)

1. On 30 August 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:

— Siemens Project Ventures GmbH ('Siemens', Germany), part of the Siemens Group (Germany)

— STEAG Beteiligungsgesellschaft mbH ('STEAG', Germany)

— STEAG GuD Herne, the joint venture ('JV', Germany).

Siemens and STEAG acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and Article 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the JV. The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares, whereby Siemens acquires 50 % of the shares and voting rights in the JV from its current sole owner, STEAG.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— STEAG is an international energy supplier, which is active in the generation and supply of electricity and district heating, as well as the project development, construction and operation of power plants and relating technical services,

— Siemens is a global technology group focused on electrification, automation and digitisation in particular concerning power generation and transmission, medical, infrastructure and industrial applications,

— The JV will build and operate a gas and steam turbine power plant in Herne (Germany), and market the generated electricity and heat.

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').