Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10319 – Greiner/Recticel)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 432/05)

1. On 18 October 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:

— Greiner AG ('Greiner', Austria),

— Recticel NV/SA ('Recticel', Belgium).

Greiner acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Recticel.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Greiner: production and sale of a wide range of plastic and foam solutions globally, in particular polyurethane ('PU') foams and PU foam-based products for a variety of industries, including bedding, furniture, automotive, as well as solutions for the medical technology and production industry,

— for Recticel: production and sale of a wide range of synthetic compounds globally, in particular PU foams and PU foam-based solutions for the automotive, bedding and custruction industry.

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').