**Prior notification of a concentration**

**(Case M.9436 — ICG/Predica/OCEA Group)**

**Candidate case for simplified procedure**

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2019/C 264/06)

1. On 31 July 2019, 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:

— Intermediate Capital Group plc ('ICG', United Kingdom),

— Prévoyance Dialogue du Crédit Agricole S.A. ('Predica', France), belonging to the Crédit Agricole Group,

— Groupe OCEA and its wholly-owned subsidiary OCEA Smart Building (together 'OCEA Group') (France), controlled by InfraVia III Invest S.A.

ICG and Predica acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of OCEA Group.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for ICG: a UK-based asset manager, active in the structuring and provision of mezzanine finance, leveraged credit and private equity in Europe, Asia Pacific and the US,

— for Predica: a French life and health insurance company belonging to the Crédit Agricole Group that offers a wide range of banking-related services mostly in France,

— for OCEA Group: a French group mainly active in the sector for fluids and energy management solutions for social housing and condominiums. OCEA Group operates exclusively in France.

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 the 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. The following reference should always be specified:

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Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, or by post. Please use the contact details below:

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