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# PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

# EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**Prior notification of a concentration**

**(Case M.8848 — Cathay Capital Private Equity/Equistone Partners Europe/E. Winkemann)**

**Candidate case for simplified procedure**

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2018/C 105/05)

1. On 12 March 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:

— Cathay Capital Private Equity SAS ('CCPE') (France),

— Equistone Partners Europe Ltd ('Equistone') (United Kingdom),

— E. Winkemann GmbH ('Winkemann') (Germany).

CCPE and Equistone acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and Article 3(4) of the Merger Regulation, joint control over the whole of Winkemann.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— CCPE is an independent investment firm which manages various investment funds in industries including consumer/service, digital/media, healthcare, industrials and software,

— Equistone is an independent investment firm which manages various investment funds in various industries, primarily in consumer and travel, financial services, specialist engineering and support services,

— Winkemann is a manufacturer and supplier of precision stamped metal parts for the automobile, automobile supply and electrical industries.

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 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.

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

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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