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(Announcements)

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10519 – BLACKSTONE / INTERPLEX)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 492/04)

1. On 1 December 2021, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 and following a referral pursuant to Article 4(5) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]).

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

— Blackstone Inc. ('Blackstone', United States);

— Interplex Holdings Pte. Ltd ('Interplex', Singapore).

Blackstone acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Interplex.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Blackstone: global asset management across a wide range of assets classes including private equity, real estate, public debt and equity, growth equity, opportunistic, non-investment grade credit, real assets and secondary funds;

— for Interplex: design and manufacture of customised interconnect, high-precision and mechanical solutions focused on decarbonisation of transportation, future mobility, increased longevity and digitalisation, serving clients globally.

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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