Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9151 — IFM/Trafigura/Simba Holdings)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2018/C 402/08)

1. On 31 October 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:

— IFM Investors Pty Ltd ('IFM', Australia),

— Trafigura Group Pte Ltd ('Trafigura', Singapore).

IFM and Trafigura acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Simba Holding S.à r.l ('Simba Holdings', Luxembourg), Trafigura's subsidiary owning and operating marine terminal facilities for dry bulk cargo, and providing transport services for liquid bulk cargo, as well as global freight forwarding and logistics services.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for IFM: global provider of investment services across infrastructure, debt investments, listed equities and private equity,

— for Trafigura: independent commodity trading and logistics group.

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.