Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9070 — Eurocar/Vicentini)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2018/C 296/04)

1. On 14 August 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:

— Eurocar Italia S.r.l. ('Eurocar'), controlled by Volkswagen AG ('VW', Germany),

— Vicentini SpA ('Vicentini', Italy).

Eurocar acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation, sole control over the whole of Vicentini.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Eurocar is active in the retail distribution of new and used passenger cars and light commercial vehicles, as well as original equipment manufacturer ('OEM') spare parts, of VW brands in Italy, and related repair activities. Eurocar is active in a number of provinces in Italy, its focus being the provinces of the Friuli Venezia Giulia region in North-Eastern Italy, Tuscany in Central Italy and Lombardia in North-Western Italy,

— Vicentini is active in the retail distribution of new and used passenger cars and light commercial vehicles, as well as OEM spare parts, of VW brands in Italy, and related repair activities. Vicentini's activities are limited to the province of Verona in the Veneto region.

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').