Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10852 – 3D SYSTEMS / DUSSUR / JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2022/C 370/04)

1. On 20 September 2022, 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:

— 3D Systems, Inc. ('3DS', USA), ultimately owned by 3D Systems Corporation (USA) and 3D Canada Company (Canada),

— Saudi Arabian Industrail Investments Company ('Dussur', Kingdom of Saudi Arabia), jointly controlled by the Public Investment Fund of Saudi Arabia and Saudi Arabian Oil Company (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia).

3DS and Dussur will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and Article 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of a newly created joint venture.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

— for 3DS: the parent entity of a group of companies in the additive manufacturing/3D printing industry,

— for Dussur: a strategic investment company, engaged in strategic economic sectors for the development of multi-transformational industries in all industrial sectors including possession, development, construction, use, maintenance, sale, purchase, rent and lease of fixed and movable tangible and intangible assets.

3. The joint venture will be active in providing 3D printing services mainly within the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

4. 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.

5. 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.

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