Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9596 — ENGIE/Predica/Omnes/Langa)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 22 November 2019, 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:

— ENGIE S.A. ('ENGIE', France),

— Omnes Capital ('Omnes', France),

— Predica Prévoyance Dialogue ('Predica', France), belonging to the group Crédit Agricole S.A,

— six companies owning a portfolio of wind farms and photovoltaic plants, located in France (the 'Targets', France) ultimately controlled by ENGIE.

Engie, Omnes and Predica acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control over the Targets.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for ENGIE: ENGIE is an industrial company active in the fields of gas and electricity supply, as well as in energy services,

— for Omnes: Omnes Capital is an independent French asset management company active in several branches of private equity, notably in the renewable energy sector,

— for Predica: Predica is a French life and health insurance company, belonging to the French Crédit Agricole Group,

— for the Targets: the Targets consist of a portfolio of ground-mounted photovoltaic power plants and wind farms located in France.

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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([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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