**Prior notification of a concentration**

**(Case M.8967 — BGŻ BNP Paribas/Parts of Raiffeisen Bank Polska)**

**Candidate case for simplified procedure**

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2018/C 228/08)

1. On 21 June 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:

— BGŻ BNP Paribas SA ('BGŻ BNP Paribas') (Poland),

— Parts of Raiffeisen Bank Polska SA ('the Target') (Poland).

BGŻ BNP Paribas acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of parts of Raiffeisen Bank Polska SA.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares and assets.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for BGŻ BNP Paribas: a universal bank, part of BNP Paribas Group, which is an international capital group of banking and financial companies with a worldwide presence,

— for the Target: the Core Bank Business of Raiffeisen Bank Polska SA, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Raiffeisen Bank International AG. The target is active, among others, in retail and corporate banking, payment cards issuing, asset management, insurance, factoring services.

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.