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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9891 – Hayfin Capital Management/Frans Bonhomme Group)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2020/C 263/04)

1. On 3 August 2020, 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:

— Hayfin Capital Management LLP ('Hayfin', United Kingdom), controlled by British Columbia Investment Management Corporation ('BCI', Canada).

— Frans Bonhomme Group ('Frans Bonhomme', France)

Hayfin acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Frans Bonhomme

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for undertaking Hayfin: provision of lending solutions to corporates and asset management services to institutional clients,

— for undertaking Frans Bonhomme: distribution of system solutions (materials for the construction of water, sanitation, rainwater systems, etc.) and pipes for public works and construction professionals.

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:

M.9891 – Hayfin Capital Management/Frans Bonhomme Group

([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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