Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9363 — Koito/Elbit/BWV/JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 20 May 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:

— Koito Manufacturing Co., Ltd ('Koito', Japan),

— Elbit Systems Ltd ('Elbit', Israel),

— BrightWay Vision ('BWV', Israel), currently jointly controlled by Elbit and Synergetic Capital LLC.

Koito and Elbit acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of BWV. Following completion of the proposed concentration, Koito will replace Synergetic Capital LLC, as controlling shareholder.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Koito: manufacturing and supply of (i) automotive lighting and accessories; (ii) aircraft lighting and other equipment; and (iii) ship lights/special products,

— for Elbit: development and supply of a broad portfolio of airborne, land and naval systems and products for defence, homeland security and commercial applications,

— for BWV: manufacturing, research and development, and sale of enhanced vision systems for automotive applications. BWV's technology provides Advanced Driver Assistance Systems ('ADAS') functionality.

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.