Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9018 — Cerberus Group/WFS Global Holding)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 13 July 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:

— Promontoria Holding 264 BV ('Promontoria', the Netherlands), belonging to the Cerberus Group (United States of America),

— WFS Global Holding S.A.S. ('WFS', France).

Cerberus acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of WFS.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Promontoria: a company which is controlled by the Cerberus Group, a private investment firm engaged in real property and personal property of all kinds,

— for WFS: provision of ground handling services incidental to air transport (ramp, passenger and cargo handling services) and other freight-related services (namely, offline services and freight forwarding by truck). WFS provides services in North America, the Carribean, Europe, Asia and Africa.

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.