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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.11307 – GI GROUP / EUROPEAN STAFFING BUSINESS OF KELLY)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 10 October 2023, 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:

— GI Group Holding S.p.A. ('GI Group', Italy), controlled by Familia S.r.l., which in turn is controlled by two natural persons,

— Kelly Services Management Sàrl ('Kelly Services', Switzerland) controlled controlled by Kelly Services, Inc.

GI Group will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Kelly Services.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

— GI Group is an employment agency group active globally in the provision of temporary employment servives and permanent empolyment services including business process outsourcing, as well as other human resources consultancy services for the job market,

— Kelly Services Management Sàrl provides temporary employment services and permanent employment services including recruitment process outsourcing and business process outsourcing. The Target is part of Kelly Services' group, a US employment agency group active globally.

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 treatment for certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 on the control of concentrations between undertakings ([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 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 160, 5.5.2023, p. 1.