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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10441 — Bridgepoint/FFL/ACT)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 370/06)

1. On 6 September 2021, 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:

— Bridgepoint Group plc, ('Bridgepoint', UK),

— FFL B.V. ('FFL', The Netherlands),

— Sustainable Market Solutions B.V and ACT Financial Solutions Group, (together 'ACT', The Netherlands).

This notification concerns the proposed acquisition of joint control, within the meaning of Articles 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation, of ACT by Bridgepoint and FFL which is controlled by ACT's founders and current majority shareholders.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Bridgepoint: portfolio investments,

— for FFL: holding company,

— for ACT: provides market based sustainable energy solutions, relating to environmental compliance services, corporate sustainability, fuels and feedstock, and financial instruments.

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.

([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').
([2]) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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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