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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.12258 – VOLKSWAGEN / EUROPCAR)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 13 October 2026, 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:

— Volkswagen Aktiengesellschaft ('Volkswagen', Germany), the parent company of the Volkswagen group ('VW Group', Germany),

— Europcar Mobility Group S.A. ('Europcar', France), currently jointly controlled by the VW Group and Gilpin Investments Designated Activity Company ('Gilpin', Ireland).

Volkswagen will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Europcar.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

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

— Volkswagen is the parent company of the VW Group. The VW Group is active worldwide in the development, manufacture, marketing and sale of passenger cars, light commercial vehicles, trucks, buses, coaches, chassis for buses and diesel engines, motorbikes, each including spare parts and accessories. The VW Group is also active in vehicle distribution,

— Europcar is the parent company of the Europcar group that offers several mobility solutions. This includes a wide range of mobility, related services, in particular car rental but also vans and, to a much more limited extent, trucks rental and car-sharing. It is present worldwide with a focus on Europe.

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 concentration 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 160, 5.5.2023, p. 1.

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