Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9369 — PAI Partners/Wessanen)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 23 July 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:

— PAI Partners SAS ('PAI Partners', France),

— Koninklijke Wessanen NV ('Wessanen', the Netherlands).

PAI Partners acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Wessanen.

The concentration is accomplished by way of public bid announced on 11 July 2019.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for PAI Partners: managing and advising, as a private equity company, a number of funds that own companies active in a variety of business sectors such as business services, food and consumer goods, general industries, healthcare, and retail and distribution,

— for Wessanen: the supply and distribution, through various subsidiaries, of food products, in particular healthy and sustainable foods, under own brands and third-party brands.

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.

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').