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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.12169 – OEP / BARTEC)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 19 January 2026, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 and following a referral pursuant to Article 4(5) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]).

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

— OEP Capital Advisors LP ('OEP', United States),

— BARTEC Top Holding GmbH ('Bartec', Germany), controlled by Safety Lux Sàrl (Luxembourg).

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

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

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

— OEP is a private equity firm,

— Bartec is a holding company of an engineering and manufacturing group focusing on diverse product portfolio of explosion proof equipment and personnel protection solutions. Bartec also offers solutions for mobile working, wireless connectivity, smart factories, turnkey trace heating, analysis and measurement, lighting and electrical infrastructure, energy distribution, automation and machine control and road transport for hazardous areas.

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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