Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9905 – Bridgepoint/EQT Credit Platform)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2020/C 291/07)

1. On 26 August 2020, 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 Advisers Holdings ('Bridgepoint', United Kingdom), controlled by Bridgepoint Group Limited (United Kingdom),

— EQT Credit Platform ('EQT Credit Platform', Sweden), controlled by EQT AB (Sweden).

Bridgepoint acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of EQT Credit Platform.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Bridgepoint: a holding company within Bridgepoint group, which is a private equity group mainly active in upper middle market private equity investment, lower middle market private equity investment and growth capital,

— for EQT Credit Platform: a pan-European private credit platform operating through three main strategies: senior debt, direct lending and special situations lending.

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.

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').
([2]) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.