Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10667 – VESA / POSTNL)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2022/C 199/09)

1. On 6 May 2022, 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:

— Vesa Equity Investment S.à.r.l. ('Vesa', Luxembourg),

— PostNL N.V. ('PostNL', Netherlands).

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

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

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

— Vesa: an investment vehicle controlled by Mr. Daniel Křetínsky, a national of the Czech Republic. Mr. Křetínský holds interests in companies active in the energy, utilities, media, and e-commerce sectors,

— PostNL: a public limited liability company listed on the Amsterdam Stock Exchange. PostNL's core business activities are to collect, sort and deliver mail, parcels and other goods in the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and the United Kingdom. It is the designated provider of the universal service obligation (USO) in the Netherlands.

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 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.

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