PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9206 — Equistone Partners Europe/Courir)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2018/C 449/10)

1. On 4 December 2018, 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:

— Equistone Partners Europe S.A.S ('EPE SAS', France),

— Courir France S.A.S ('Courir', France).

EPE SAS acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Courir.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— EPE SAS is an investment firm established in the form of a simplified joint stock company with investments in companies with enterprise values of between EUR 50 and 500 million,

— Courir is active on retail of footwear and to a lesser extent of sportswear and accessories in specialised stores.

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:

M.9206 — Equistone Partners Europe/Courir

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.