Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9643 — ENGIE/Versicherungskammer/Portfolio Companies)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2019/C 405/11)

1. On 20 November 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:

— ENGIE S.A. (France),

— Versicherungskammer Bayern Versicherungsanstalt des öffentlichen Rechts (Germany),

— SUN PV HOLDING which owns SolaireDigne, SolaireSignes, SolaireIstres 2, SAS du Soleil, SAS des Landes de la Motte, SolaireChatellerault and SolaireLaMotte ('the Portfolio Companies', all in France). These companies are currently wholly-owned by ENGIE S.A.

ENGIE S.A. ('ENGIE') and Versicherungskammer Bayern Versicherungsanstalt des öffentlichen Rechts ('Versicherungskammer Bayern') acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of SUN PV HOLDING (France).

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for ENGIE: ENGIE is an industrial company active in the fields of gas and electricity supply as well as in energy services,

— for Versicherungskammer Bayern: Versicherungskammer Bayern is a German public insurer which provides personal and property insurance,

— for SUN PV HOLDING: SUN PV HOLDING will be active in the generation of electricity through a portfolio of photovoltaic power plants located in France.

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.