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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10335 — PAI/Gapave/Apave)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 256/04)

1. On 18 June 2021, 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:

— PAI Partners SAS ('PAI', France);

— Association Gapave ('Gapave', France);

— Apave SA and Elansym SAS ('Apave Group', France), controlled by Gapave.

PAI and Gapave acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and Article 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the Apave Group.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for PAI: a private equity firm, mainly active in Europe, whose main investment sectors are consumer goods, industrial goods, distribution, health and business services;

— for Gapave: an association governed by the French Law of 1 July 1901 with sole control of the Apave Group;

— for the Apave Group; companies mainly active in France in the field of control of technical, human and environmental risks and in training related in particular to risk control.

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 any observations they may have on the proposed operation to the Commission.

([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').
([2]) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

Observations must reach the Commission no later than ten days following the date on which this notification is published. The following reference should always be specified:

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