Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9145 — Kongsberg Gruppen/Rolls-Royce Commercial Marine)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2019/C 57/16)

1. On 6 February 2019, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 and following a referral pursuant to Article 4(5) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]).

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

— Kongsberg Gruppen ASA ('Kongsberg', Norway),

— Rolls-Royce plc.'s commercial marine products, systems and aftermarket services business ('Rolls-Royce Commercial Marine', United Kingdom).

Kongsberg acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of Rolls-Royce Commercial Marine.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares and assets.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Kongsberg is the holding company of the Kongsberg group, which supplies technological systems and solutions for use in the marine, defence, aerospace and oil and gas industries,

— Rolls-Royce Commercial Marine is the commercial marine business within the Rolls-Royce group that supplies components, systems and digital elements primarily for civil marine vessels. It does not include Rolls-Royce's power systems business.

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