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(Announcements)

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9556 — Triton/Grupo Fertiberia)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2019/C 332/07)

1. On 26 September 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:

— Triton Managers V Limited, Triton Fund V GP S.à r.l. and TFF V Limited (together 'Triton Fund V'), belonging to a group of independent investment funds managed by the Triton group (Channel Islands),

— Fertiberia, S.A, and its subsidiaries (together 'Grupo Fertiberia', Spain) controlled by Grupo Villar Mir, S.A.U (Spain).

Triton Fund V acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Grupo Fertiberia.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Triton Fund V is an investment firm dedicated to investing primarily in medium sized businesses headquartered in Northern Europe, with particular focus on businesses in three core sectors, namely Business Services, Industrials and Consumer/Health,

— Grupo Fertiberia is active mainly in Europe in the production of traditional and special fertilisers for extensive dry land crops, traditional irrigation and drip irrigation as well as industrial chemical products, used as raw chemicals for large industrial companies active in several industries such as chemical, wood, cosmetic or automotive.

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.

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

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.9556 — Triton/Grupo Fertiberia

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