Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8793 — Axión/Enagás/Axent)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 14 February 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:

— Axión Infraestructuras de Telecomunicaciones, SAU ('Axión', Spain), controlled by the AMP Group (Australia),

— Enagás, SA ('Enagás', Spain),

— Axent (Spain)

Axión and Enagás acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Axent. The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Axión: wholesale technical provision of radio telecommunications infrastructure and carrier networks services for audiovisual broadcasters, public administration and telecom operators,

— for Enagás: gas storage and transmission activities in Spain,

— for Axent: provision of wholesale leased lines services in Spain.

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.