PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9314 — Sogeclair/AddUp/PrintSky)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2019/C 209/08)

1. On 11 June 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:

— Sogeclair SA ('Sogeclair', France), belonging to the Sogeclair Group,

— AddUp SAS ('AddUp', France), belonging to the Michelin and Fives Groups.

Sogeclair and AddUp acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the EU Merger Regulation joint control of a newly created company constituting a JV ('PrintSky').

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Sogeclair: aeronautics and space engineering, engineering for the specification design and production of special civilian and military vehicles, and provision and development of solutions in the field of research, study and training simulators, as well as workshops and simulation software. Sogeclair is active worldwide, mainly in France, Germany, Spain, the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States;

— for AddUp: manufacture of industrial 3D metal printing solutions ranging from the design and manufacture of machines, manufacturing lines and services associated with, to the redesign and manufacture of metal parts, in prototyping or series and associated services. It operates worldwide (mainly in France, Europe and America, but also in Asia and Oceania) in the industrial, automotive, medical, aeronautical and space, and luxury sectors;

— for PrintSky: intended to develop and market 3D metal printing solutions in the aeronautics, aerospace and defence sectors, consisting exclusively of proof of concept solutions, in Europe or even globally.

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.

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