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(Announcements)

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.11016 – AIR LIQUIDE / ADP / JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2023/C 142/12)

1. On 17 April 2023, 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:

— Aéroports de Paris S.A. ('ADP', France),

— Air Liquide S.A. ('Air Liquide', France),

— JV (France).

APD and Air Liquide will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of JV.

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 the following:

— ADP is responsible for the development, operation and expansion of the airports of Paris-Charles de Gaulle, Paris-Orly, Paris-Le Bourget, as well as a certain number of civil airports located in the Ile-de-France region. ADP is also active in the provision of engineering and technical consulting services for the airport industry and in the provision of airport support operations and engineering services,

— Air Liquide is active in industrial gases, technologies and services used in the Industrial and Health sectors.

3. The business activities of the JV will be the provision of engineering services to airports for their projects to integrate hydrogen in their infrastructures. These engineering services will include, pre-engineering, pre-feasibility and engineering studies, and assisting clients in their building, owning and operating projects with respect to hydrogen-focused airport infrastructures.

4. 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.

([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').

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.

5. 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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([2]) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.