Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9672 — Apollo/Gamenet)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2019/C 400/13)

1. On 15 November 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:

— Apollo Management, L.P. ('Apollo', United States),

— Gamenet Group S.p.A ('Gamenet', Italy).

Apollo acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Gamenet.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Apollo: invests in companies and debt issued by companies involved in various businesses throughout the world such as companies in the chemical, hospital, security, insurance, financial services, and real estate businesses,

— for Gamenet: offers a diversified product range across four operating segments: (i) concessionaries of betting and online games; (ii) direct managers of owned gaming halls and amusement with prizes (AWPs); (iii) concessionaries of slot machines/amusement with prize terminals; and (iv) concessionaires of video lottery terminals.

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.

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').