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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8705 — BC Partners/CeramTec)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2017/C 409/07)

1. On 17 November 2017, 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:

— BC Partners Holdings Limited,

— CeramTec Holding GmbH.

BC Partners Holdings Limited acquire — indirectly through the fund BC European Capital X, acting by its general partner BC European Capital Management X Limited — within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of CeramTec Holding GmbH.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for BC Partners Holdings Limited: private equity firm,

— for CeramTec Holding GmbH: ultimate parent company of CeramTec group of companies active in the production of high-performance advanced ceramic materials and products.

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 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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