Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10632 – WATERLAND / DUVENBECK)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 2 March 2022 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:

— Waterland Private Equity Investment B.V. ('Waterland', the Netherlands),

— Duvenbeck Group ('Duvenbeck'), currently controlled by Thomas Duvenbeck Holding GmbH (both Germany).

Waterland acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Duvenbeck.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Waterland: Independent private equity investment group, focused on outsourcing & digitalization, leisure & luxury, sustainability and ageing population. Waterland is mainly active in Europe, in particular Benelux, Germany and the United Kingdom.

— for Duvenbeck: Logistics provider offering third party logistics, including conceptual and lead logistics services, contract logistics, freight forwarding and light assembly. Duvenbeck is mainly active in Germany, Austria Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and 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 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.

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