PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10634 – CVC / GAMING1)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2022/C 167/07)

1. On 11 April 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:

— CVC Capital Partners SICAV-FIS S.A ('CVC', Luxembourg),

— Certain entities belonging to the Gaming1 Group (the 'Target', Belgium).

CVC will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the Target.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned:

— CVC: Private equity fund providing investment advice to and managing investments on behalf of investment funds. CVC holds interests in companies in various industries, including chemicals, utilities, manufacturing, retailing and distribution.

— The Target: owns land-based casinos, gaming halls and betting agencies in Belgium, France and Switzerland, and is active in the operation of online gambling websites (casinos and sports betting) and mobile applications in Belgium, Malta, Portugal, France, Switzerland, Spain, Serbia, Colombia and the US.

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').

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