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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10207 — ICG/Dr. Axel Paeger/AMEOS)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 125/03)

1. On 29 March 2021, 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:

— Intermediate Capital Group plc ('ICG', United Kingdom),

— Dr. Axel Paeger ('Dr. Paeger', a German national),

— AMEOS Gruppe AG ('AMEOS', Switzerland).

ICG and Dr. Paeger acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of AMEOS.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for ICG: investment firm active in the structuring and provision of mezzanine finance, leveraged credit and minority and majority equity in companies across Europe, Asia Pacific and the US,

— for Dr. Paeger: founder and Chief Executive Officer of AMEOS,

— for AMEOS: private operator of acute general hospitals and acute psychiatric hospitals, as well as long-term elderly care and long-term mental care facilities in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

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 the 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.

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

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

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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