Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10284 — KPS/Crown European Tinplate)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 15 July 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:

— KPS Capital Partners, LP ('KPS', USA);

— Food, Aerosol and Promotional Packaging business in Europe, Middle East and Africa ('Crown European Tinplate'), controlled by Crown Holdings, Inc. (USA).

KPS acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of Crown European Tinplate. The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for KPS: equity investment fund active across a diverse array of industries, including basic materials, branded consumer, healthcare and luxury products, automotive parts, capital equipment and general manufacturing. KPS recently acquired Hydro Rolling, a company active in the production and supply of aluminium flat rolled products, including aluminium sheet for food cans,

— for Crown European Tinplate: active in the design, manufacture and sale of packaging products for consumer goods including the following: aerosol cans and ends; food cans and ends; metal closures; and promotional packaging.

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').