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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8650 — LGP/CPA)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2017/C 332/03)

1. On 27 September 2017, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]) by which a number of entities managed and controlled by Leonard Green & Partner, L.P. ('LGP', United States) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of CPA Global Group ('CPA', United Kingdom) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— LGP is a private equity investment firm. LGP primarily focuses on companies providing services, including consumer, business, and healthcare services, as well as retail.

— CPA is active in the legal support services sector, more specifically in patent renewal and related services. As its core offering, CPA manages and undertakes on behalf of its clients the regular renewal of patents in relevant jurisdictions.

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:

M.8650 — LGP/CPA

([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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