Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9181 — Engie/Prédica Prévoyance Dialogue du Crédit Agricole/Omnes Capital/ Equinox VIIIA)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 13 November 2018, 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:

— Engie S.A. ('Engie', France),

— Omnes Capital (France),

— Prédica Prévoyance Dialogue du Crédit Agricole S.A. ('Prédica', France), controlled by Crédit Agricole S.A.,

— 13 photovoltaic plants ('The Target', France): 7 photovoltaic plants controlled by Engie, 4 photovoltaic plants controlled by Luxolaire Verwaltungs S.a.r.l. and 2 photovoltaic plants controlled by Equinox Invest S.à.r.l.

Engie, Omnes Capital and Prédica acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the Target.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Engie is an industrial company active throughout the entire energy-value chain in the fields of gas and electricity supply, as well as in energy services,

— Omnes Capital is an independent French asset management company active in several branches of private equity, notably in the renewable energy sector,

— Prédica is a subsidiary of Crédit Agricole S.A. active in the insurance sector,

— The Target consists in 13 photovoltaic plants active in the generation and wholesale supply of electricity.

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.

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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([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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