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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9256 — Engie/Michelin/Région AURA/CDC/Hympulsion)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2019/C 49/08)

1. On 25 January 2019, 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 Hydrogen International ('EHI', France), controlled by Engie,

— SPIKA, controlled by Compagnie Générale des Établissements Michelin ('CGEM', France),

— The Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region (France),

— Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations ('CDC', France),

— Hympulsion (the 'JV', France).

Engie, SPIKA, the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region and CDC acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the JV.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

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

— SPIKA is controlled by CGEM, which is a manufacturer and supplier of tyres based in France.

— CDC is a public institution carrying out activities of general interest, consisting in particular of the management of private funds to which the government wishes to afford particular protection and activities open to competition in the environmental, real-estate, investment and capital investment, and services sectors.

— The Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Région is a region in France.

— The JV is active in the hydrogen refuelling stations for hydrogen vehicles in France.

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.

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

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