Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10382 – CDPE/Macquarie/Blackstone/ASPI)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 432/04)

1. On 15 October 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:

— CDP Equity S.p.A. ('CDPE', Italy), belonging to the group Cassa Depositi e Prestiti ('CDP'),

— Macquarie Group Limited ('Macquarie', Australia),

— Blackstone Group Inc. ('Blackstone', USA),

— Autostrade per l'Italia S.p.A. ('ASPI', Italy).

CDPE, Macquarie and Blackstone acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of ASPI.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for CDPE: investment in companies of significant national Italian interest,

— for Macquarie: global investment, banking and financial services provider,

— for Blackstone: global alternative asset manager,

— for ASPI: managing more than 3 000 kilometres of toll motorways across Italy under long-term concessions granted by the Italian State.

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

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