Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10327 — Elexent/GP JOULE Connect/Elexent DACH JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 8 June 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:

— Elexent Holding SAS (France, 'Elexent'), belonging to the Renault Group,

— GP JOULE Connect GmbH (Germany, 'Connect'), jointly controlled by GP JOULE GmbH, Reußenköge (Germany) and Minol Brunata GmbH (Germany),

Elexent and Connect acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Elexent Dach GmbH ('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:

— for Elexent: supports clients in creating optimized energy strategies by designing the best charging infrastructure to meet their needs, supervising installation and implementation, and overseeing operations and maintenance. Elexent is part of the global automotive manufacturer Renault Group,

— for Connect: active in new mobility projects. Connect plans and implements projects around the core products consulting, charging infrastructure, sharing/pooling and charging and energy management for the housing industry, fleets, energy providers, automotive and infrastructure operators. Connect belongs (i) to the GP JOULE Group which is focused on the renewable energy sector and (ii) to the Minol Group which is predominantly active in metering services, billing services, and IoT, e-mobility, and sharing solutions,

— for the JV: The JV is intended to offer tailored and ready to use solutions to professional customers of different partner OEMs in terms of charging of electric vehicles (including analysis/project review, operations, support financing, installation, maintenance and charging optimization). In addition, the JV will provide customers with advice regarding electric mobility. The JV will be active in Germany and it is envisaged that the JV will develop activities in Austria and/or Switzerland.

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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