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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9275 — Intermediate Capital Group/Grupo Konectanet/Konecta Activos Inmobiliarios)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2019/C 55/09)

1. On 5 February 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:

— Intermediate Capital Group, plc. ('ICG', United Kingdom),

— Grupo Konectanet (Spain) and Konecta Activos Inmobiliarios (Spain) (together, 'Konecta Group').

ICG acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control over the whole of Konecta Group.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— ICG is an investment firm active in the structuring and provision of mezzanine finance, leveraged credit and minority equity, managing assets from third party investors and its balance sheet with investment portfolios in Europe, Asia Pacific and the US,

— Konecta Group is active globally in the provision of business process outsourcing and contact centre services to telecommunications, utilities, banking, insurance, public administration or transport companies.

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:

M.9275 — Intermediate Capital Group/Grupo Konectanet/Konecta Activos Inmobiliarios

([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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