Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8979 — PAI Partners/M Group Services)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2018/C 228/09)

1. On 20 June 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:

— PAI Partners SAS ('PAI Partners', France),

— M Group Services (United Kingdom),

PAI Partners acquires within the meaning of Articles 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of M Group Services by the way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for PAI Partners: a private equity company that manages and/or advises a number of funds that own companies active in a variety of business sectors, such as business services, food and consumer goods, general industries, healthcare, and retail and distribution,

— for M Group Services: a provider of various types of services to the regulated utilities, telecoms and transport sectors, including installation and maintenance of network infrastructure, metering and related data services, and the construction, maintenance and repair of road and railway infrastructure.

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.