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(Announcements)

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10637 – CERTAS / ENGIE SOLUTIONS / SSEC JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2022/C 111/03)

1. On 28 February 2022, 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:

— Certas Energy France ('Certas', France), controlled by DCC plc ('DCC', Ireland),

— Engie Energies Service - Engie Solutions ('Engie Solutions', France), controlled by Engie SA ('Engie', France),

— SSEC (France).

Certas and Engie acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of SSEC.

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 Certas: operation of service stations in France on the motorway and road network. Its parent company DCC is active globally across four divisions in various industry areas such as technology, healthcare, LPG and retail & oil,

— for Engie Solutions: provision of services related to energy management in France. Its parent company Engie is active globally in the provision of gas, electricity and services related to energy management,

— for SSEC: a newly established joint venture, which will be active in the installation and operation of electric vehicle charging stations 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.

Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under 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.

([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').
([2]) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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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