Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8873 — Carlyle/TA Associates/DiscoverOrg)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 18 April 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:

— The Carlyle Group ('Carlyle', USA),

— TA Associates L.P. ('TA Associates', USA),

— DiscoverOrg Holdings, LLC ('DiscoverOrg', USA), controlled by TA Associates.

Carlyle and TA Associates acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of DiscoverOrg.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Carlyle is a global alternative asset manager, which manages funds that invest globally across four investment disciplines: (i) Corporate Private Equity; (ii) Real Assets; (iii) Global Market Strategies; and (iv) Solutions.

— TA Associates is active in the fields of private equity investments through various funds in selected industries, including business services, consumer, financial services, healthcare and technologies.

— DiscoverOrg is a provider of sales and marketing intelligence tools and services to 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:

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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.