Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9569 — EssilorLuxottica/GrandVision)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 23 December 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:

— EssilorLuxottica S.A. (EssilorLuxottica)(France and Italy),

— GrandVision N.V. (GrandVision)(the Netherlands), whose majority shareholder is HAL Optical Investments B.V.

EssilorLuxottica acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of GrandVision.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— EssilorLuxottica: (i) every phase of the ophthalmic (corrective) lens development, from design to manufacture to wholesale, (ii) the design, manufacture and distribution of eyewear, and (iii) the retail of optical products,

— GrandVision: the retail of optical products.

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.

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').