Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.11261 – ARDIAN / ATTERO)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2023/C 317/07)

1. On 30 August 2023, 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:

— Ardian France S.A. ('Ardian', France), controlled by the ultimate parent company of the Ardian Group, Ardian Holding S.A.S. (France),

— Sabaton Ventures Holdco B.V. ('Netherlands'), the ultimate parent company of the Attero Group ('Attero', Netherlands),

Ardian will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Attero.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

— Ardian is a private equity investor and asset manager,

— Attero is a waste management and waste treatment company. Its activities include generating energy from waste, recycling plastic, processing organic waste, valorisation of inert mineral waste, soil remediation, and debris recycling.

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.

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 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.