Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8515 — CPPIB/BPEA/Nord Anglia Education)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2017/C 188/15)

1. On 6 June 2017, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]) by which the undertakings Canada Pension Plan Investment Board ('CPPIB', Canada) and Baring Private Equity Asia ('BPEA', Singapore) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of the undertaking Nord Anglia Education, Inc ('Nord Anglia', Hong Kong) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— CPPIB: professional investment management in real estate, public equities, private equities, infrastructure and fixed income instruments

— BPEA: independent alternative asset management in real estate, private equities and growth capital

— Nord Anglia: premium school operator active in China, Europe, the Middle East, the U.S. and Southeast Asia

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 this 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. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (+32 22964301), by email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference M.8515 — CPPIB/BPEA/Nord Anglia Education, to the following address:

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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.