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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9862 – Fiege/Reiner Kurzhals/Cornelius Brosche/Remondis/WDL)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2020/C 203/05)

1. On 9 June 2020, 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:

— Fiege Logistik Stiftung & Co. KG ('Fiege', Germany), part of the Fiege group (Germany),

— Remondis Assets & Services GmbH & Co. KG ('Remondis', Germany), part of the Remondis group (Germany), ultimately controlled by Rethmann SE & Co. KG ('Rethmann', Germany),

— Westphalia DataLab GmbH ('WDL', Germany).

Fiege, Remondis and the other shareholders, Professor Reiner Kurzhals and Mr Cornelius Brosche, acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of WDL.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Fiege: belongs to the Fiege group, which provides various logistics services (mainly) in Germany, its home market, but also abroad,

— Remondis: Remondis is the central administrative unit of the Remondis group. The Remondis group's main activities are waste disposal, water treatment and recycling. The Remondis group is a division of the Rethmann group. The Rethmann group is organised into three divisions: water management and the circular economy; logistics; and food and feed,

— WDL: advises companies in the field of data analytics and develops and markets software solutions for companies, based on artificial intelligence and in particular on machine learning, for business data analysis and business development forecasting, as well as software solutions for medical research.

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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