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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9527 — New Media Investment Group/Gannett Co.)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2019/C 336/03)

1. On 30 September 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:

— New Media Investment Group Inc. (United States of America),

— Gannett Co., Inc. (United States of America).

New Media Investiment Group Inc. acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Gannett Co., Inc.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for New Media Investiment Group Inc.: publishing of local print and online media,

— for Gannett Co., Inc.: media and marketing solutions company, including publishing of national and local print and online media.

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:

M.9527 — New Media Investment Group/Gannett Co.

([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').
([2]) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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