Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8425 — Safran/Zodiac)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 16 November 2017, 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:

— Safran SA (France),

— Zodiac Aerospace SA (France).

Safran acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Zodiac.

The concentration is accomplished by way of public bid announced on 24 May 2017.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Safran SA: aerospace (propulsion and equipment), aircraft equipment and defence,

— for Zodiac Aerospace SA: aerospace equipment and on-board systems for commercial, regional and business aircraft and helicopters.

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').