Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10374 — Bain Capital/Hitachi Metals)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 372/12)

1. On 8 September 2021, 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:

— Bain Capital Investors, LLC ('Bain Capital', United States),

— Hitachi Metals, Ltd. ('Hitachi Metals', Japan).

Bain Capital acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Hitachi Metals.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Bain Capital: private equity investment firm that invests in companies across a number of industries, including consumer retail and dining, financial and business services, healthcare, industrial, energy, technology, media, and telecommunications, at global level.

— for Hitachi Metals: provision of metal products and materials, electronics and information components, and functional components, at a global level.

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:

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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').
([2]) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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