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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10331 — Caisse des dépôts/Bain Capital/Digital Aftermarket)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 272/05)

1. On 1 July 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:

— Caisse des dépôts et consignations (France),

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

— Digital Aftermarket SAS ('Digital Aftermarket', France), controlled by Bain Capital through Autodistribution SAS ('Autodistribution', France).

Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations and Bain Capital acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and Article 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Digital Aftermarket.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of securities.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Caisse des dépôts et consignations: public institution carrying out activities of general interest in support of public policies conducted by the State, and active in the management of private funds. Through its subsidiaries, it is active in the fields of energy and the environment, real estate, investment and services.

— Bain Capital: asset management and financial services company. Through its subsidiary Autodistribution, it specialises in the distribution of spare parts for light motor vehicles and heavy goods vehicles in Europe, and in the provision of repair and maintenance services for multi-brand vehicles.

— Digital Aftermarket: company specialising in the provision of online intermediation services for the search for repair and maintenance services for motor vehicles.

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.

([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').

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.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit any observations they may have on the proposed operation to the Commission.

Observations must reach the Commission no later than ten days following the date on which this notification is published. The following reference should always be specified:

M.10331 — Caisse des dépôts et consignations/Bain Capital/Digital Aftermarket)

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