PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.11087 – PAI PARTNERS / GEGENBAUER GROUP)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2023/C 138/05)

1. On 14 April 2023, 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:

— PAI Partners SAS ('PAI Partners', France),

— Gegenbauer Holding SE & Co. KG (Germany) and Gegenbauer Holding Verwaltung SE (Germany) (together referred to as 'Gegenbauer Group' (Germany)).

PAI Partners will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Gegenbauer Group.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

— PAI Partners is a private equity company headquartered in France that manages and/or advises funds that own companies active in a variety of business sectors including business services, food and consumer goods, general industries and healthcare,

— Gegenbauer Group is active in facilities management for buildings and technical facilities including related and ancillary activities.

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.

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 or by post. Please use the contact details below:

([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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