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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.12603 – EQT FUNDS / INTERTEK)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 9 November 2026, 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:

— EQT Fund Management S.à.r.l. ('EFMS', Luxembourg), belonging to EQT AB ('EQT', Sweden),

— Intertek Group Plc ('Intertek', United Kingdom).

EFMS will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Intertek.

The concentration is accomplished by way of public bid announced on 18 June 2026.

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

— EFMS is the alternative investment fund manager of EQT X, a private investment fund forming part of the EQT group of funds. EFMS is solely owned by EQT. Portfolio companies of EQT funds are active across various geographies, including the EEA, in a variety of industries, such as consumer, energy and environment, healthcare, real estate, services, technology and transportation logistics,

— Intertek provides Assurance, Testing, Inspection and Certification services. It is mainly active in the United Kingdom, North America, Australia, China, Hong Kong as well as the EEA.

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 treatment for certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 on the control of concentrations between undertakings ([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 concentration 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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([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').
([2]) OJ C 160, 5.5.2023, p. 1.

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