PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.11058 – ALTOR / MARLIN / MELTWATER)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2023/C 145/15)

1. On 19 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:

— Altor Fund Manager AB ('Altor', Sweden),

— Marlin Management Company LLC ('Marlin', USA),

— Meltwater N.V. ('Meltwater', The Netherlands).

Altor and Marlin will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Meltwater.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

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

— for Altor: a private equity firm which invests in medium sized predominantly Nordic companies with the aim to create value through growth initiatives and operational improvements,

— for Marlin: a global investment firm which is focused on providing corporate parents, shareholders and other stakeholders with tailored solutions that meet their business and liquidity needs,

— for Meltwater: a global provider of media intelligence and social analytics across online news, social media, print, broadcast, and podcasts.

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.

([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').
([2]) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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:

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