Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10476 – Schwarz Group/Cespa)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 406/07)

1. On 30 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:

— PreZero International GmbH, Germany ('PreZero', Germany), belonging to the Schwarz Group (Germany),

— Compañia Española de Servicios Públicos Auxiliares S.A.U. ('Cespa', Spain), controlled by Ferrovial International SE, Spain ('Ferrovial', Spain).

PreZero acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Cespa.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— PreZero is active in the collection, sorting, processing and recycling of waste. PreZero is part of Schwarz Group which is mainly active in food retailing through its retail chains Lidl and Kaufland,

— Cespa provides waste management services in Spain as well as waste management and facility management services in Portugal.

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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