PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.11082 – ARP / GRI / JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2023/C 236/05)

1. On 27 June 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:

— Agencja Rozwoju Przemysłu S.A. ('ARP') (Poland), ultimately controlled by the Polish State,

— GRI Renewable Industries, S.L. ('GRI') (Spain), ultimately jointly controlled by the Acek Group and the Mitsui Group.

ARP and GRI will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the JV.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

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

— ARP's global activities range from portfolio company and property management to cultural heritage preservation. ARP, through a subsidiary, is also active in the production and distribution of onshore wind towers,

— GRI is dedicated to the manufacture and supply of metal components for wind turbines, i.e. GRI manufactures wind towers (onshore and offshore), flanges and castings. GRI is active globally.

3. The business activities of the JV will be the following: the development, construction and operation of an offshore wind towers manufacturing plant located in Gdańsk, Poland.

4. 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.

5. 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:

([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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